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1. Repeater Database Project for Amateur Repeater Owners/Trustees/Officers/Controllers/Users

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Helen and Dirk Sykes <heledirk@ezl.com>
Message-ID: <01bbf79c$6785c740$362b18ce@sykes-system>
Source record: 3005
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio,alt.radio.amateur.club.clarc,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.internet,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors

This project will be a monumental task, but hopefully the support of all repeater Trustees / Owners / Users will help in this task. I realize there are places like Artsci that have the repeater books and ask for updates on-line, but there are so many repeaters that have been left out. I am going to interface the data collected with as many of the not only on-line mapping programs, but those that are on CD-ROM (AAA DeLorme Map'n'Go for example). The project, when completed, should allow you to enter a route from point "a" to point "b" and show all repeaters within a selectable distance from your route with the selected parameters.

EXAMPLE: I want all 2 meter and 70 cm repeaters that are/have:
1. a phone patch
2. open
3. linked / crossband system
4. emergency power
5. LiTZ

The graphical view would show selectable icon or number in the exact location of the repeater. The user can bring up the data for any repeater by clicking the icon / number and print the information telling you at what Point in your trip the repeater is within the range you have selected and when you will be out of the selected range.

Please send the information ONLY ONCE and I ask that ALL information listed below be 100% exact (only makes sense to have accurate information for an outstanding system). I also request that, if at all possible, ONLY the OWNERS and TRUSTEES submit the information (they would have the exact data needed). Any information not received for repeaters listed in The ARRL Repeater Directory may or may not be included in the program. I will publish a listing of the information on The METRO Net homepage so you may see if your repeater information has been received and who submitted it. If there are any other
suggestions for information that should or should not be included, please include comments. Refrain from submitting digital (packet) nodes until the FM phone (voice) is completed.

INFORMATION NEEDED (100% complete will only be accepted):
State:
Closest City/Town:
County:
Grid Coordinates: (mine is EM58BN)
[take a look at Buckmaster { http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcall }]

Lat/Lon of Repeater: (mine is -89.8511 lat 38.5501 lon) {This Is Important!})
[take a look at Buckmaster { http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcall }]
Frequency Output:
Frequency Input:
Frequency 1 Linked: (submit all information about this frequency)
Frequency 2 Linked: (submit all information about this frequency)
Frequency 3 Linked: (submit all information about this frequency)
Repeater Call:
Repeater Owner/Trustee Call:
Sponsor:
Repeater Features: (LiTZ, Open, Autopatch, PL Tone {CTCSS}, Digital Tone, etc.)
Power Output:
Type Controller/Repeater:
Antenna Height Above Ground:
Antenna Height Above Sea Level:
Antenna Gain in dB:

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:
Repeater Owner/Sponsor email: (only one address)
Repeater Owner/Sponsor homepage: (only one address)
Repeater Owner/Sponsor US mailing address: (not email or homepage)
Comments/Other information:

Thank you for your cooperation and PLEASE forward this information to those who may be able to redistribute this information.

Submit information to: mailto:Repeater Project <metronet@ezl.com>

Thank you and 73 de
Dirk Sykes

2. Re: Repeater Database Project for Amateur Repeater Owners/Trustees/Officers/Controllers/Users

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: bbowers@townsqr.com
Message-ID: <5aduup$61r@tofu.alt.net>
Source record: 3006
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio,alt.radio.amateur.club.clarc,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.internet,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors

"Helen and Dirk Sykes" <heledirk@ezl.com> wrote:

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>repeater Trustees / Owners / Users will help in this task. I realize there

And how will the finished product be available? I take it, that it
will be available, how much?

3. YAESU parts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: gerard <0vdenbroek03@flnet.nl>
Message-ID: <32CAC8B6.6D06@flnet.nl>
Source record: 3007
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

The digital frequency diplay of my FT107 has lost some segments, due to
a partially defective counter chip.
Does anybody has this counter chip, or info how to obtain this chip.
The LSI counter chip is called MSM9520RS.
This one is also used in the FT707. Yaesu has no stock left.
Best regards and hope to hear from you...Gerard PA2GBK

4. Re: YAESU parts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Geoff Brown <equinox@itl.net>
Message-ID: <32CBEF87.C47@itl.net>
Source record: 3008
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

gerard wrote:
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Yes we also tried to get this part for a repair but were told by Japan
that no more stocks were available.
Try asking for a non working FT707 or 107
HNY Geoff

5. Re: YAESU parts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Roland Brade <roland@venusww.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <5N2yRCAsp6yyIw+T@venusww.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 3009
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

In article <32CBEF87.C47@itl.net>, Geoff Brown <equinox@itl.net> writes
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>that no more stocks were available.
>Try asking for a non working FT707 or 107
>
Fax or Email Japan and ask them where they come from, They often will
send you one for free.
Don't believe everything the agents tell you as I have had a similar
problem some years ago.

Whilst on this anyone know of a source of the multi-pin miniture Jack
plug as used on the FT10-50R handhelds?
Happy New year to everyone.
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Roland Brade
roland@venusww.demon.co.uk
http;//www.venusww.demon.co.uk

6. Re: YAESU parts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Husband <David@scanmaster.co.uk>
Message-ID: <rCu2mAAj0AzyEwss@scanmaster.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 3010
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

In article <5N2yRCAsp6yyIw+T@venusww.demon.co.uk>, Roland Brade
<roland@venusww.demon.co.uk> writes
>In article <32CBEF87.C47@itl.net>, Geoff Brown <equinox@itl.net> writes
>>gerard wrote:
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>>> a partially defective counter chip.
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^^^^^^^^^^ Looks like an OKI part..

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>>> Best regards and hope to hear from you...Gerard PA2GBK
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>>Yes we also tried to get this part for a repair but were told by Japan
>>that no more stocks were available.
>>Try asking for a non working FT707 or 107

The part mentioned looks like an OKI Semiconductor part from the number
-- should be possible to obtain this part from an OKI distributor -- but
very often parts are obsoleted and nobody has any stock left....

Regards..
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David Husband, G8HJT, Portland, Dorset 01305 826900 0973 625969

7. Re: YAESU parts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martin Davies <Martin@amdavies.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <852248370snz@amdavies.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 3011
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

In article <rCu2mAAj0AzyEwss@scanmaster.demon.co.uk>
David@scanmaster.co.uk "David Husband" writes:

> >>> The LSI counter chip is called MSM9520RS.
> ^^^^^^^^^^ Looks like an OKI part..
>
> The part mentioned looks like an OKI Semiconductor part from the number
> -- should be possible to obtain this part from an OKI distributor -- but
> very often parts are obsoleted and nobody has any stock left....
>

A couple of years ago I was trying to locate a source of a very
similar device which was used in (I think) a Lowes SRX-30 HF
receiver. I tried all the usual OKI distributors in the UK,
including OKI themselves who fax'ed Japan for me, as well as
Lowes and Yaesu who both 'thought' they had some, all to no
avail. From what I recall being told by OKI, the various
equipment manufacturers all had different versions of the chip
mask-programmed to their specific requirements (IF offsets,
etc), so once the supply of a particular variant was exhausted,
that was it - finito, etc. They did offer to make a new batch
for me, but wanted a minimum order of (IIRC) 10,000!

Sorry to be such a kill-joy, but I don't hold out much hope that
you'll be able to find a supplier. Good luck with your search,
anyway.

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73 de Martin Davies, G0HDB
PS - Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper who sold
his soul to Santa?

8. Trade IBM ThinkPad for radio equipment

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: sonet@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <5asct6$pbj@news.rdu.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 3012
Cross-posted to:
alt.radio.scanner,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.swap

OK, here's the deal. I have an IBM ThinkPad 720 mono that is collecting dust.

The package I have includes: laptop (486/50, 12/240, all ext. ports, 1.44 floppy, 2 PCMCIA slots), AC adaptor/charger, 3 extra batteries, 2 extra 160mb hard drives, 2 docking stations (both with full set of ports, SCSI-2, 2 expansion slots, 5 1/4" drive bay. One has 2x IBM SCSI CD-ROM.), external battery charger, and hardshell carry case with handles and wheels. Everything

is in excellent condition. Current value on today's used market is about $1200 for everything. Would prefer to keep package together, buyer pays shipping.

What I would be willing to trade for: cash, BC 9000xlt, 2m/70cm handheld, AOR

AR8000, PRO26, PRO2006, BC 3000XLT, Icom R7000, digital general coverage receiver, and
possibly other items. Will accept combination of above or other arrangement to equal value of laptop and accessories.

Please email offers and questions. Thanks.

9. Misc Ham gear FS or trade

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ron in Seattle <ron.in.seattle@pobox.com>
Message-ID: <01bbfe69$2f970c30$d987c7cd@sci>
Source record: 3013
Cross-posted to: alt.forsale,alt.marketplace.funky-stuff.forsale,alt.radio.amateur,misc.forsale,misc.forsale.misc,misc.forsale.non-computer,pnw.forsale,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.

-Mic/Earphone in one for ham, CB or other handheld transmitters. Eartalk Invisible Mic CT221ME, enhanced version w internal amp and gain control. Unused, in original packaging. $45

-Handheld speaker mic for ham, CB or other handheld transmitter. RadioShack CT 19-310.

-Mobile HAM 2 meter, HTX-212 Radio Shack, 45 & 10 watts, true FM modulation, 31 memory channels, CTCSS, DTMF, Dual VFO and Duplex, Extended band coverage (136-174 MHz), in new condition, in box, $170

Visit Seattle Counseling Information at:
http://pobox.com/~sci

10. Re: New Address for HamLinks Promotions

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: John - KI4RO <ki4ro@mnsinc.com>
Message-ID: <5b6u9a$t5r@news1.mnsinc.com>
Source record: 3014
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio.internet,alt.radio.pirate,alt.radio.scanner,pdx.computing,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.di

"Rich " <n7hmb@cybernw.com> writes: >
> Have a peek, the the new HamLinks url
>
> http://www.hamlinks.com
>
> We took the plunge!
>
> 73 DE Rich N7HMB
> n7hmb@hamlinks.com
Nice page Rich.

73
John

11. Re: HF band plan

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Dmitriy V. Osipkin" <dima@isis.nsu.ru>
Message-ID: <32D72FCC.704A@isis.nsu.ru>
Source record: 3015
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.shortwave,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.misc

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Maroof H. Choudhury wrote:
>
> Can anyone give me the complete band plan for HF frequencies?
> Please email.
> Thanks.
>
> - Maroof
> <maroof@triton.kaifnet.com>

Hi !
Who can, please mail me too.
Thanks.

--
Sincerely yours,
Dmitriy Osipkin.

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| Dmitriy V.(Vladimirovish)Osipkin
| Work phone: 7-3832-397482
| E-mail: dima@isis.nsu.ru
| osipkin@thepentagon.com
| SPRINT: (C:USSR, A:SOVMAIL, O:NEO.TELECOM, UN:DIMA)
| WWW http://dima.isis.nsu.ru
| http://isis.nsu.ru/~dima
| Call-sign: UA9OPU
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12. Re: HF band plan

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: blue@bga.com
Message-ID: <5b9e1q$dkh@ghostwheel.bga.com>
Source record: 3016
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.shortwave,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.misc

In article <5b4ucr$1jr@post.servtech.com>,
Maroof H. Choudhury <maroof@triton.kaifnet.com> wrote:
>Can anyone give me the complete band plan for HF frequencies?
>Please email.
Someone else asked for this too so I'll post to the newsgroup.
There is a bandplan available on the web at the University of
Texas Amateur Radio Club site, http://www.utexas.edu/students/utarc/
Look for a icon that mentions band plans.

BTW, I'm posting this from a friend's account. If you have any questions
you can reach me at barron@liant.com.

73,

Robert Barron KA5WSS

13. !!KNIGHT KIT OCEAN HOPPER - GOOD HOME!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: briancox@freeway.net
Message-ID: <5basl6$id0$1@newsserv.freeway.net>
Source record: 3017
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.antiques.radio+phono

Wanted: Knight Kit 60's era Ocean Hopper receiver with plug in coils and manual. Prefer in working order, but does not need to be.

I am trying to put my first Novice station (1965) back together and would like to place the Ocean Hopper next to my DX-40

Please contact:
Brian N8TC (ex-WA8QAF) - briancox@freeway.net

14. Re: HF band plan

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Esteban Sanchis <esanchis@uv.es>
Message-ID: <01bc00b2$fc6fdf20$55079c93@dxer.eleinf.uv.es>
Source record: 3018
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.shortwave,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.misc

Try this address:

http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/alloctbl/alloctbl.html

I hope it helps you,

Stefan, (EA5GMI)

Maroof H. Choudhury <maroof@triton.kaifnet.com> wrote in article
<5b4ucr$1jr@post.servtech.com>...
> Can anyone give me the complete band plan for HF frequencies?
> Please email.
> Thanks.
>
> - Maroof
> <maroof@triton.kaifnet.com>
>

15. SCARA meeting: when and where

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ken Harris <kjh@shoreline-studios.com>
Message-ID: <01bc00e2$2a4b0620$22e10ece@rem1.shoreline-studios.com>
Source record: 3019
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,slac.rec.ham_radio,su.org.ham-radio

When and where is the Santa Clara amateur radio meeting? I think it is tomorrow (monday) at 7:30, but I don't know where.

Thanks.

16. Announcing 1997 Orlando HamCation (SM) and Computer Show

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: stevez@cycat.com
Message-ID: <5bjm4n$7fv@news.dx.net>
Source record: 3020
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

The 1997 Orlando HamCation (SM) and Computer Show, sponsored by the
Orlando Amateur Radio Club, will be held on February 14, 15 and 16, in
Orlando, Florida. The Orlando HamCation is the second largest hamfest
in the southeastern U.S. with over 400 swap tables, 150+ commercial
exhibitors and the largest tailgate area in the southeast. We will have
many interesting and exciting forums/seminars/workshops. In addition,
the programmers and experts in APRSdos, WinAPRS, MacAPRS and JavAPRS
will be present to answer your questions.

For further information about the Orlando HamCation, please visit
the Orlando Amateur Radio Club's home page at:
http://www.cycat.com/users/oarc
or go directly to the HamCation URL at:
http://www.cycat.com/users/oarc/hamcat.htm

We hope to see you here in sunny Florida and that you will enjoy the
Orlando HamCation!

Steve Zielinski, N8UJS
Secretary, OARC

Steve Zielinski | E-mail with Subj: "send PGP key" KeyID: C7F568E5
stevez@cycat.com | Key Fingerprint: 023F4CD01C6EEBCE1E9AFF7C32C58CED
Fido: (1:363/187) | Strong encryption/Digital signatures/Secure e-mail
Orlando Amateur Radio Club home page: http://www.cycat.com/users/oarc
Orlando Amateur Radio Club info server: oarc_info@cycat.com

`[1;33;45mNet-Tamer V 1.06 - Test Drive

17. ICOM ICW21A - Dual Band Handheld for Sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Scott Hatten <shatten@ee.net>
Message-ID: <01bc0275$c1d19ba0$8723e6ce@scott->
Source record: 3021
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

I have the folling to sell as a package:
1- ICOM ICW21A (Dual Band Handheld)
Will recieve from 50mhz-999mhz
5watt,Dual Band, Battery Pack
1- ICOM SpeakerMike - W/DTMF Pad
1- ICOM Spare Battery Pack (W/Microphone in Battery)
1- ICOM/KENDOO Rapid Charger (1 Hour)
1- ICOM Case for Radio
1- 35Watt Amp/PreAMP

I have the original boxes and all the manuals. This unit is in perfect shape.
Would make a great mobile rig (giving you 35 watts of output).

$250.00 takes it all including shipping.

Scott W. Hatten
Ohio State Highway Patrol
shatten@ee.net
Home: (614) 885-9695
Pager: (614) 240-4921
"The views expressed here are mine and not that of my employeer (The State of Ohio)"

18. FS:ELECTRONIC & RF PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: mega@i1.net
Message-ID: <5bpiuj$483$1@radius1.stlnet.com>
Source record: 3022
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,alt.engineering.electrical,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.audio.pro,sci.electronics.misc,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.equipment

IFR 1500 SERVICE MONITOR GOOD CONDITON $5,000.00
Bird Model 43 wattmeter with 1W 800-900 MHz slug (1 E5 5W) (1 E10 10W)()
(1 E25 25W)(1 E50 50W)(1 E100 100W)ALL 400-1000 MHz
(1 BIRD MOD 8080 25W COAXIAL RESISTOR AND LEATHER CASE FOR ALL $500.00
HP 86205 50 OHM DIRECTIONAL BRIDGE $300.00
HP 8498A 30W 30DB ATTENUATOR $300.00
HP 779D DIRECTIONAL COUPLER 1.7-12.4 GHz $300.00 300KHz TO 6GHz
EAGLE RETURN LOSS BRIDGE 5 TO 1000MHz $100.00
SEE MORE AT http://www.i1.net/~mega
BOB RICK
MEGA
ST LOUIS MO
314-291-7618
R F AND MICROWAVE TEST EQUIPMENT

19. WTB:ELECTRONIC EQPM

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ken <gold@nucleus.com>
Message-ID: <32E21E07.B1D@nucleus.com>
Source record: 3023
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,alt.engineering.electrical,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,sci.electronics.misc,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.equipment

If you have any of these items around and would consider an offer to
sell, I would appreciate hearing back or if you know of a person or
person with such items.

RCA BA-a or BA-86 A broadcast Limiter (circa 40's-50's)
Pulse Technology Equalizer EQP-1 (60's,70's)
Teletronix's Levelling Amplifier LA-2a (60's)
Universal Audio/Urei Peak Limiter 1176,1178 (70's)

I would very much like to locate any of the above items and
look forward to any word back
Ken at gold@nucleus.com
or phone at 403-239-4956

20. Personalized Wallpaper for you...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: George <gepley@tfs.com>
Message-ID: <01bc06b9$22ddaa00$17dc02cf@default>
Source record: 3024
Cross-posted to: or.forsale,pa.forsale,pa.general,pensacola.forsale,phl.forsale,princeton.forsale,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,san_antonio.forsale.computers

Hello

There is a great new company here on the internet that you can send your personal pictures too and then we will turn these pictures into wallpaper for your computer by using high resolution scanning techniques.We do your best to give you great looking BMP (wallpaper) for your computer.If you would like an order form and one free sample bmp (wallpaper) to use on your computer please e-mail us at gepley@tfs.net.There is no obligation and all accounts are confidential.

gepley@tfs.net

21. HOBBY KITS AMATEUR,PHONE,COMPUTER,DEVICE

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: mega@i1.net
Message-ID: <5c1qe3$be0$1@radius1.stlnet.com>
Source record: 3025
Cross-posted to: misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,alt.engineering.electrical,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipmentrec.audio.pro,sci.electronics.misc,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.equipment

SEE A LIST OF ELECTRONIC KITS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
SEE AT http://www.i1.net/~mega
THANKS
BOB

22. WTB-FT-50 Accessories

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark Watson <marko64@talon.net>
Message-ID: <32E90D13.6D38@talon.net>
Source record: 3026
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur-radio.equipment

Looking to buy the following for a FT-50R if anyone has extras or no need for them any longer.. E-DC-5B cigarette lighter adapter,CSC-68 soft case to hold FNB-41 and MH-34B4B microphone.. I will buy all or individual pieces.. Must be in excellent condition.. Would prefer COD and I'll pay COD fee...

Please call or email

Mark Watson,KA3TGJ
Marko64@talon.net
610-562-7212

23. Motorola Part Needed

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: cpierce@usit.net
Message-ID: <cpierce-2701970911290001@col-max92.dynamic.usit.net>
Source record: 3027
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

I am in need of a IC for a Motorola Moxy 150 Mhz radio. I have contacted the Motorola service rep. in my area and I keep getting the runaround each time I speak to them. I have been trying since May of last year to get this IC and usually I hear that "I'm sorry we forgot to order it for you" or "I lost the numbers you gave me". If someone has the ability to order this for me please let me know.

It is the desc. IC with the following numbers on it "M2078" and "274 H 8436". I have tried to cross this to another number but have had no sucess.

Please do not take me wrong I am not bashing Motorola, just tried of not geting the part that I needed.

24. FS: RF PARTS & EQUIPMENT, HOBBY KITS, TEST EQUIPMENT & MORE

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: mega@i1.net
Message-ID: <854424817.26852@dejanews.com>
Source record: 3028
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,alt.engineering.electrical,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.audio.pro,sci.electronics.misc,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.equipment

AT&T TONE DIALERS
IRF 1500 SERVICE MONITORS
BOONTON MICROWATT METERS
MICROWAVE RECEIVERS
HP BRIDGES & COUPLERS
POWER SUPPLIES
TEKTRONIX OTDR
CABLE IDENTIFIERS
OPTICAL TALK SETS
ASSORTED KITS FOR ALL AGES
LASERS
AND A LOT MORE
SEE AT http://www.i1.net/~mega

----------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------
http://www.dejanews.com/ Search, Read, Post to Usenet

25. Re: Motorola Part Needed

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: peace@ais.net
Message-ID: <5ckiso$7dl@news2.ais.net>
Source record: 3029
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

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: or "I lost the numbers you gave me". If someone has the ability to order
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: 8436". I have tried to cross this to another number but have had no
: sucess.
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: Please do not take me wrong I am not bashing Motorola, just tried of not
: geting the part that I needed.

Call parts Identification first at 1-847-538-0021.Then go from there
--
Georg Kirn Email:Peace@Ais.net

26. **NEW** WinTone 1.5 Real Time DTMF Decoder/Scanner Monitor (New Features!)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Richard Smerker <rsmerker@frii.com>
Message-ID: <32EEC2D3.6CBC@frii.com>
Source record: 3030
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.radio.scanner

Now available! Take a look!

WinTone32 v1.5 - Real Time DTMF Decoder/Scanner Monitor for Windows
95/NT

Works with your windows sound card to detect DTMF tones, no other
hardware
required! Here is a list of the (new) options:

* Tunable Detection Options - Everything from changing sensitivity to
logging
tones to file - You control it all.

* Log tones to a file for later study.

* Decodes DTMF tones in real time by using your Windows compatible sound
card and any audio source hooked up to the Microphone jack.

* Decodes DTMF tones from windows WAV files

* Optionally saves audio into a WAV file

* Scanner Monitoring - Allows you to record audio to a WAV file, but
only
when the audio breaks the software "Squelch Point".

* DTMF Triggers - Assign events to certian DTMF tones, and when these
tones
are detected, the events cause pre-defined actions (Launch an EXE,
Start
recording to a WAV file, Etc)

* Tested out on fast 486 machines, but the faster the better!

Come try the latest version!
http://www.frii.com/~rsmerker

27. Hamfest Goodies

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tom Lempicke <tlempicke@mail.infoave.net>
Message-ID: <32EE89BC.4CB3@mail.infoave.net>
Source record: 3031
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,alt.engineering.electrical,rec.ham-radio
,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.audio.pro,sci.electronics.misc,sci.electronics,sci.electronics.equipment

Here is a list of the stuff that I will have for sale at the Charlotte Hamfest. If you want to get an advance
look at it or buy it before the hamfest give me a call. Better yet send your phone number over E Mail and I
will give you a call.

1. Collins Thirty S-One amplifier. 100 watts in produces 1300 watts out. Uses 4CX-1000 tube. In like new
condition with manual. $975 - very firm

2. Complete B&W slow scan setup. Robot 400 slow scan, Sanyo monitor and RCA camera. All of it like new with
manual. $275

3. Kenwood TS711-A all mode 2 meter transciever. Memories, SSB, funky offsets, this unit has it all. Just
like new with manual. $525 - don't even ask

4. Go into business with your own computer to program cellular phones. Loader phone, computer with software
installed and operating, cables for motorola bagphones and installed phones, diagrams to make cables for all
other motorola phones up to software version 95xx. This setup really does work, and I will give instruction in
how to use it. You can get your money back in one saturday at the flea market.
$850

5. CD ROM drive with interface card and sorftware. Works perfectly
$25

6. Star printer. Works perfectly, missing one piece of plastic.
$25

7. Okidata microline printer. Works great.
$10

8. Calcomp plotter, "E" size. Hangs on serial port, works perfectly. With manual (which cost me $130) and
serial connection. Emulates HP plotter. $200

9. IBM Selectric typewriter. Works fine, great for filling in forms.
$25

10. Modems - 1200 baud and 2400 baud. One US Robotics and One Hayes internal.
$10 each

11. Orchid Videola Premium Plus. Complete and working fine. Video capture and playback on you PC.
$175

12. PK-323 MBX. Just like new.
$175

If you are interested E mail me at

Tlempicke@infoave.net

28. Singapore / Hongkong components market

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-01-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: maroof@cybersys.net
Message-ID: <5ctutg$14o$1@post.servtech.com>
Source record: 3032
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.components,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

Hello,

I'm trying to build myself an HF tranceiver. Can anyone tell me a good source
in Singapore / Hongkong where I could buy electronic comopnents / kits ?

Thank you

PLEASE EMAIL

Maroof H. Choudhury
maroof@triton.kaifnet.com

29. Ranger 2970

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: jbjr@itol.com
Message-ID: <32F2F24D.5AF0@itol.com>
Source record: 3033
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,aus.radio.amateyr.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

Does anybody know if the Ranger 2970 can get the CB channels by putting a mod on it????If so let me know how to do it, Please E-mail me if you can help me on this.

THAMKS JOHN.

30. Re: Ranger 2970

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Philippe <ccadic@planetepc.fr>
Message-ID: <01bc1066$9e3ae620$2abd33c2@minidou.isicom.fr>
Source record: 3034
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,aus.radio.amateyr.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

jbjr@itol.com a �crit dans l'article <32F2F24D.5AF0@itol.com>...
> Does anybody know if the Ranger 2970 can get the CB channels by putting
> a mod on it????If so let me know how to do it

Go to http://www.spiraweb.com/rciweb

You will have it

31. ARRL WEB site

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: maroof@cybersys.net
Message-ID: <5d16c0$m8v$1@post.servtech.com>
Source record: 3035
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

Hi,

Can anyone tell how to use the "zipped ckt & reprot file"s in
http://www.arrl.org/ard/files/ ?
I downloaded a file exrf9507.zip which contaians two files. one is some kind
of a data file (like pspice) & the other one is unidentified. I can't read/use
them properly. Can anyone help?
Btw, What is ARD, is it a magazine or a software?

Thanks in advance.

Please Email
Maroof

Maroof H. Choudhury
maroof@triton.kaifnet.com

32. Re: ARRL WEB site

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: hbrown@voicenet.com
Message-ID: <5d2npn$6l4$1@goodnews.voicenet.com>
Source record: 3036
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

ARD is the ARRL Radio Software. You will see it advertized in QST and
QEX in most issues over the last 2 years. The files you downloaded are
likely ones for the analysis of circuits using ARD.

73, Harry, W3IIT

maroof@cybersys.net (Maroof H. Choudhury) wrote:

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>Thanks in advance.

>Please Email
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>Maroof H. Choudhury
>maroof@triton.kaifnet.com

33. Wanted: 2m handheld

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dan Rissacher <rissacdj@craft.clarkson.edu>
Message-ID: <01bc115c$0f148e00$8cc89980@dingo.clarkson.edu>
Source record: 3037
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

Looking for something cheap. Dual-band would be nice. Must support CTCSS
and PL tones.

Remember, I'm a college student.... I can't afford much

thanks,
Dan

34. Re: Ranger 2970

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Teacher <sburns@access.k12.wv.us>
Message-ID: <01bc10a6$407116a0$43ac69ce@user>
Source record: 3038
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,aus.radio.amateyr.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

John, It can be accomplished by changing a jumper in the radio. Now which
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> THAMKS JOHN.
>

35. Re: Ranger 2970

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: dknelson@pacbell.net
Message-ID: <32f6668e.19367136@news.pacbell.net>
Source record: 3039
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,aus.radio.amateyr.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

On 2 Feb 1997 01:12:41 GMT, "Teacher" <sburns@access.k12.wv.us> wrote:

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Try the RCI website, the mod is posted there... By the way, you can
find a lot of answers by using the AltaVista web search engine, and
entering a few keywords...

RCI website - http://www.spiraweb.com/rciweb/rcigb.html
AltaVista Search - http://altavista.digital.com

<<< DAN >>>
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36. !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark Watson <marko64@talon.net>
Message-ID: <32F785E5.33EE@talon.net>
Source record: 2904
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

WELL HERE GOES!!! I'm sure I'll get harassed like crazy for this...
Well, I got the mod to work.... FROM 50-999mhz.... NOW heres the
problem.... I CANT TRASMIT anywhere.....The ptt light doesnt even
light up... When I hit my 'knob' button to make settings and you're
supposed to hit PTT to confirm & save it... I have to hold the KNOB
down to save it.... I'm sick.......I should've left well enough alone!
CAN ANYONE HELP ME?????? PLEASE??????? I've learned my lesson!!!

If I can just get it to transmit where its supposed to I'll he a
happy ham!!

THANK YOU!!

MARK WATSON

37. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: SWW <Sww@connect.net>
Message-ID: <32F7CE8A.205B@connect.net>
Source record: 2905
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

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> THANK YOU!!
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> MARK WATSON

Could your PTT be locked? check your settings.

38. FS: TIMEWAVE DSP-59+

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32F7BCEB.3154@netusa.net>
Source record: 2906
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

Top of the line DSP audio filter. Retails for $260 - $270.
As new in original box with manual, $195.

Call me at 516-754-6808
Thanks & 73 de Jeff K2KV
k2kv@netusa.net

39. FS: MINT KNWD TS-940S/at

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32F7BC2D.6003@netusa.net>
Source record: 2907
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

Truly as new Kenwood TS-940S/at with IF-10B interface. Radio has been COMPLETELY reliable, has never needed any work whatsoever. FLAWLESS. Includes pair of 500hz cw filters and SP-940 speaker. MARS capable (I am licensed MARS op). Original box & manual..... $1450.

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Thanks & 73 de Jeff K2KV
k2kv@netusa.net

40. Re: Ranger 2970

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: THE STANLEYS <stanley@bright.net>
Message-ID: <32F7E876.39FC@bright.net>
Source record: 2908
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,aus.radio.amateyr.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

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> RCI website - http://www.spiraweb.com/rciweb/rcigb.html
> AltaVista Search - http://altavista.digital.com
>
> <<< DAN >>>
> ---
yes there is a mod you can put on it to get cb channels and i have the
mod!!!!!!!
OUTLAW

41. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark Watson <marko64@talon.net>
Message-ID: <32F847F6.6822@talon.net>
Source record: 2909
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

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> > If I can just get it to transmit where its supposed to I'll he a
> > happy ham!!
> >
> > THANK YOU!!
> >
> > MARK WATSON
>
> Could your PTT be locked? check your settings.

NOPE....not locked......I was on the phone with yaesu for about 30mins
today trying to figure it out......I mailed it in to them to repair..
Didnt tell them the cell mod was done, just that I got it for a christ-
mas present and it suddenly stopped transmitting........If they can
get it back to normal I'll leave well enough alone!! :) Like I said
the mod worked perfectly but I must have either accidently powered it
on the incorrect way or something..... normally when you change settings
via the knob and go to the menu.. you normally would push the ptt to
save & confirm the setting, well it wouldnt even do that.. The ptt
didnt work at all........We'll see....Like I said I fedexed it today..
hopefully I'll have it back in a few weeks in working order!!!

Thanks for the post..

MARK

42. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: JoMak <jomak@flash.net>
Message-ID: <32F88DD5.101E@flash.net>
Source record: 2910
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

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> didnt work at all........We'll see....Like I said I fedexed it today..
> hopefully I'll have it back in a few weeks in working order!!!
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> Thanks for the post..
>
> MARK
Unfortunately you will most likely get a nice note telling you that you
have voided your warranty. The mod is probably the first thing they will
look for and in the unlikely event they do just fix it, they will be
required to undo the mod when they send it back to you.
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Joe

43. Re: MINT KNWD TS-940S/at

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: jls <jls@tminet.com>
Message-ID: <01bc139a$815d54c0$258491d0@localhost.tminet.com>
Source record: 2911
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

These rigs are commonly selling for around $1000 so why is yours worth
$1450?

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> k2kv@netusa.net
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44. Re: MINT KNWD TS-940S/at

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: dick@merlin.libelle.com
Message-ID: <dick-ya02408000R0502971900180001@news.zippo.com>
Source record: 2912
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

The IF-10B is very difficult to find and worth quite a bit when you do. The two CW filters will cost your around $140 used and the SP-940 speaker comes with switchable audio filters and goes for around $150 when you can find them used.

So while a really clean 940SAT usually goes for about $1100, those extras can reasonably take the price up into the $1450 range. If the rig has a high serial number, the seller might be able to get his asking price. More than likely, though, he may find he has to come down closer to $1250-1300 for a quick sale.

<sound of two cents hitting the table top>

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Dick Flanagan W6OLD CFII Minden, Nevada
Visit http://wadg.greatbasin.net/siera/

45. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don Boekenkruger <donb@direct.ca>
Message-ID: <01bc13ed$bdac64e0$3bb422cf@Don.intergate.bc.ca>
Source record: 2913
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

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<32F785E5.33EE@talon.net>...
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> light up... When I hit my 'knob' button to make settings and you're
> supposed to hit PTT to confirm & save it... I have to hold the KNOB
> down to save it.... I'm sick.....I should've left well enough alone!
> CAN ANYONE HELP ME?????? PLEASE??????? I've learned my lesson!!!
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> If I can just get it to transmit where its supposed to I'll he a
> happy ham!!
>
> THANK YOU!!
>
> MARK WATSON
>

I would take a guess and say that the problem is probably the actual switch
inside the radio, since the three button switches on the FT-50R (10R etc)
have a tendancy to go bad and require replacing.
I've done the cel mod to my radio and have had no problems, however over
time I have had my LAMP button and my PTT button go bad, thus need
replacing the switch inside.

Have fun.

Don Boekenkruger, VE7CBT
donb@burnabyradio.com

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46. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: lduntno@what.net
Message-ID: <32f9793e.37200153@news.usit.net>
Source record: 2914
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

On Tue, 04 Feb 1997 13:54:29 -0500, Mark Watson <marko64@talon.net>
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Can't help you. I'd like to buy a FT50 if I could get it to go down to
70mhz. I fly R/C on 72 and it would be handy to listen to signals down
there...

47. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: forbescomp@mindspring.com
Message-ID: <32f94fc5.11700201@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2915
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,radio.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

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Check PTT Lock function. Also, try CPU reset, and remember, a LOW
battery may make rig receive normally, but not transmit.

Good Luck!

Thom - KI2N -

48. Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Avalon InterConnect User <dpoynter@avalon.nf.ca>
Message-ID: <01bc1445$fe333900$565f65cc@don-s-computer>
Source record: 2916
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: DrPepper@iwvisp.com
Message-ID: <32fa1780.4738214@news.iwvisp.com>
Source record: 2917
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

That's sounds like a great radio. It was probably built before WWII,
in the 1930's. If the tubes are still good (and they *should* be), it
will give you many hours of pleasure. I would use a long wire antenna,
and be sure to ground the chassis IF there is a connection on the back
of the chassis. Be careful, though, some of these radios had a *HOT*
chassis (one side of the 115 v line is on the chassis)

"Avalon InterConnect User" <dpoynter@avalon.nf.ca> wrote:

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>

Dr. Pepper
Good ALL the time:]

50. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: rwclark@rwclark.seanet.com
Message-ID: <5ddefd$i62@q.seanet.com>
Source record: 2918
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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Hi Don,

The simple antenna solution is to hang as much wire in the sky as possible. Make it easy on yourself at first, and do it in stages until you see no further improvment at the lowest frequency you are interested in.

There is a more serious issue to be taken care of before the antenna. If this rig has not been turned on in a number of years, there may be a fire hazard. The filter caps in the power supply are undoubtedly getting on, and these items do not last forever. Flipping on the radio may give you a hiss and several stations, and give the impression of being in a working state. This may be a false security. There may also be no problem. The compelling evidence will be a small explosion (fully contained within the radio) and smoke and/or flames afterward if not unplugged.

The technical solution is to plug the radio into a variac and slooooowly raise the variac output over a period of hours (or days) from 0 to 115VAC. This will allow the old electrolytics to re-form their chemistry (if you are lucky) and let life continue as though no years have passed. Many of these radios work quite well after this slow wakeup call. Simple evidence of how robust they are is in the amount of 60/120 Hz hum you hear with everything turned all the way down. This can vary from zilch to Mt. Saint Helens rumble. Anything above 3 on the richter scale suggests replacement of these power components ($20 for parts (before markup) and $100 labor).

73's and happy DX'ing
Richard Clark, KB7QHC, WPE0EPH

51. Re: MINT KNWD TS-940S/at

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Madd DOG! <bmoceri@flash.net>
Message-ID: <32FA462F.1980@flash.net>
Source record: 2919
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

jls wrote:
>
> These rigs are commonly selling for around $1000 so why is yours worth
> $1450?
>
> Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net> wrote in article
> <32F7BC2D.6003@netusa.net>...
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> >
> > Contact me at 516-754-6808
> > Thanks & 73 de Jeff K2KV
> > k2kv@netusa.net
> >

Watch out its the PRICE POLICE!!!!!!!!!!!!
Self appointed of course!
BDM

52. Re: !!!!HELP-FT50 MOD!!! HELP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: MIW <marko64@talon.net>
Message-ID: <32FA9337.5D7D@talon.net>
Source record: 2920
Cross-posted to: red.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,radio.equipment

dr7zyq@rand.nidlink.com wrote:
>
> How do you do a cpu reset on these things?
>
> David, WA7ZYQ

David,
push KNOB & MON then power on then immediately hit your FW key which is
the Function button......

That does a CPU master reset....

MARK

53. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: orion@capital.net**
Message-ID: <32fab6ed.46367078@news.capital.net>
Source record: 2921
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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Try the rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors newsgroup. (boatanchor is the
affectionate name given to old, heavy tube radios.) There are a lot of
enthusiasts of old radios on that group. Someone there can give you
info on your X-371.

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73,
Butch N2YMJ
To send mail, delete
the two stars at the
end of my address.

54. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: KolsterBrandes <rex@g0mwh.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <SAIfWBANKu+yEwiD@g0mwh.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2922
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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remove).

I always break the center tap of the B+ transformer and insert a series
of resistors, starting with 1Meg for a day, then 1/2 Meg..and so on thru
a few K until the Caps are fully reformed....

Of course if the poster of the origional int a teccie he could be
(un)pleasently shocked during the process!

--
73 de Rex J Atkins G0MWH
BBS G0MWH @ GB7UWS
E-Mail Rex@g0mwh.demon.co.uk

55. MARS for 1000MP?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32FB5610.2D29@netusa.net>
Source record: 2923
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio

Does anyone know the correct procedure for modifying the 1000MP for MARS? I am licensed and active MARS op (AAR2CF) but after 3 months I am still waiting to receive my actual license in the mail, and YAESU will NOT give me the procedure without that license.

The mod for the 1000 is available, but I don't think it is the same for the MP.

Please reply email direct. Thanks in advance.
73 de Jeff K2KV
k2kv@netusa.net

56. FS: Vibroplex Chrome DELUXE iambic paddle

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32FBB39B.2077@netusa.net>
Source record: 2924
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

I have for sale a Vibroplex chrome DELUXE iambic paddle with custom chromed four-button memory keyer bar attached to right side. This is a VERY beautiful paddle, in mint (absolutely like new) condition, with red fingertips. Memory buttons (also red) are set up for AEA MorseMachine, but will work with any modern memory keyer (or can be removed if you wish). Very special... $125.00

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Thanks & 73 de Jeff K2KV
k2kv@netusa.net

57. FS: MINT KNWD TS-940S/at

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32FBAEC9.89A@netusa.net>
Source record: 2925
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

Truly as new Kenwood TS-940S/at with IF-10B interface. Radio has been COMPLETELY reliable, has never needed any work whatsoever. FLAWLESS. Includes pair of 500hz cw filters and SP-940 speaker. 10-mil serial number. MARS enabled (I am licensed MARS op). Original box & manual..... $1450.

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58. Re: FS: TIMEWAVE DSP-59+

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jeff Singer <k2kv@netusa.net>
Message-ID: <32FBADFC.46F4@netusa.net>
Source record: 2926
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap

Top of the line DSP audio filter. Retails for $260 - $270.
As new in original box with manual, ver 3.04... $195.

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Thanks & 73 de Jeff K2KV
k2kv@netusa.net

59. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Walter Spector <wws@renaissance.cray.com>
Message-ID: <32FBC298.1F9D@renaissance.cray.com>
Source record: 2927
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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This handbook is probably a collectors item. Johnansen is the
original editor of the World Radio and TV Handbook (WRTH) that
we buy every year. This year being the 50th year of the WRTH's
publication, they had a historical article about Johnansen and
his Handbook.

Enjoy!

Walt
--
Walt Spector
(wws@cray.com)
Mountain View, California
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60. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: rwclark@rwclark.seanet.com
Message-ID: <5divt8$n2g@q.seanet.com>
Source record: 2928
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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Hi Rex,

The effect on the cathode you are speaking of is from long-term variations of nominal operating voltage. As to the life expectancy, it is quite the opposite. The age of a filament varies by the fourth power of the current applied to it. A 5% reduction of current will lead to a 22% increase of life. However, this is not a practical application for us given such life considering measures also have an impact on the cathode's ability to boil electrons off into the plate current. The cathode scaling you speak of is oxidation and a sign of the cathode being cool. I've commonly "descaled" cathodes by applying 1-2 Kv between the cathode and the first grid for 10-20 seconds, and minutes for a tough dog. These measures are of course last resort attempts not ongoing maintenance items.

Another posting alerted our friend to the ground hazard that may exist. This is a very real threat (it is a 70 V problem derived from the early practice of tying both side of AC mains to common through noise capacitors). When I was in the Navy, I was in charge of a TV/Radio repair project the Navy put on for S.F. charities. We took in 300 TVs and 200 Radios and turned out 125 TVs and 180 Radios in two months with a budget of $50. This was, for my students and staff, the University of Hard Knocks advanced studies program. Real electronics, not blackboard electronics.

One student learned about this hazard the hard way. He assumed that because our ground buss was so long, that it would support TV signals by merely attaching the antenna lines to it. I commended my student for his intuition as he plugged in the TV. We watched as the insulation on the wire drooped off like snow from a telephone line; smoke followed, and then a cheery red glow. It was very instructive (and one reason why I taught my men to keep one hand in their pocket, or behind their back; at sea, everything is at ground potential except you, the load).

73's
Richard Clark, KB7QHC, WPE0EPH

61. Re: Old Shortwave Receiver Info needed?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: dmoorman@interaccess.com
Message-ID: <dmoorman-0902971703090001@d40.dialnet1.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2929
Cross-posted to: fsu.freenet.hamradio.bulletins,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equi

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Don - This sounds like an interesting radio. It shouldn't take much of an antenna for you to get European stations. You could get a 20 foot (7 meters) length of any kind of wire and hook it on to the antenna terminal(s) and see what happens. It would be helpful to know what kind of terminals are on the back of the radio. Also, when you start using it for more demanding applications (like SW), you might find that some of the tubes are too deteriorated to perform well. They may need testing and replacement.

What does the "International General Electric Radio Handbook" say about antennas? Is this a manual for this radio, or a general short wave manual?

Cheers

Dave, K9SW

--
Dave Moorman Be big, don't belittle.
Downers Grove
Illinois, USA
http://homepage.interaccess.com/~dmoorman/DavesPage.html

62. Re: Setting up an antenna tower.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dale Powell <powell@polarnet.com>
Message-ID: <32FFC0D2.64F4@polarnet.com>
Source record: 2930
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Mike Del Pozzo wrote:
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> Mike KR4TG
test

63. Could someone REPOST the story about Charlie Whiskey?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: fiscus@mcn.net
Message-ID: <5doodp$c5t@news.mcn.net>
Source record: 2931
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Could someone repost the story about the rabbit named Charlie Whiskey? I saw it in this group about a year ago.

Thanks
73 de KB7ADL
Vince

64. Ham Gear For Sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rick Olson <olson@HIWAAY.net>
Message-ID: <3301DE68.8C3@HIWAAY.net>
Source record: 2932
Cross-posted to: alt.forsale,hsv.forsale,ingr.forsale,misc.forsale,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

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Alinco DR-600 For Sale $450 shipped UPS
Dual Band, UHF and VHF
45W, 10W, 5W
Like New! Very Nice!

Ranger RCI-2950 $175 shipped UPS
10 Meter Mobile, 25W Variable
28.000 - 29.995
AM/FM/SSB/CW/PA
Excellent Condition

MFJ - 949D Deluxe Tuner $75 shipped UPS
1.8 - 30Mhz
30W - 300W ranges
Good Condition, no hits!

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Rick Olson
olson@hiwaay.net
http://fly.hiwaay.net/~olson/garage.html
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65. Thunder Tiger 91S 4-Stroke Engine

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rick Olson <olson@HIWAAY.net>
Message-ID: <3301DEEE.2A62@HIWAAY.net>
Source record: 2933
Cross-posted to: alt.forsale,hsv.forsale,ingr.forsale,misc.forsale,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

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For Sale...

Thunder Tiger 91S 4-Stroke
Like New, Only run twice on the bench.
Was to much motor for my plane...

$150 shipped UPS Ground, or US Mail in the US

Rick Olson
olson@hiwaay.net
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66. Re: Setting up an antenna tower.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bill W <w5ikb@detnet.com>
Message-ID: <3304FFDE.7B2C@detnet.com>
Source record: 2934
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> > Mike KR4TG
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David,
Check with your friendly power company or telephone company. They
have post hole diggers (hand type) that are long enough to handle
your job. Good luck.
Bill

67. Re: Setting up an antenna tower.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: hainess@ocean.com.au
Message-ID: <33061e5c.4661210@news.ocean.com.au>
Source record: 2935
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 10 Feb 1997 15:44:02 -0900, Dale Powell <powell@polarnet.com>
wrote:

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Hi David,

Just before christmas I had a 55ft crank up/tilt over tower erected
here. The guy who installed it used a post hole digger to about 4ft
deep (as you mention), but after that he had an orgre bit to continue
to approx 8ft down.
The orgre bit consists of a circular cutting ring, just like a big
hole saw, but with the top open. Mine was about 12inches diameter,
with a wall height of about 6 to 8 inches.
The orgre bit must be the diameter of the hole you are digging.
The concept is that you cut into the earth creating a circular cut
around the circumference only.
With a crow-bar, or heavy steel pole, you must then compress the earth
inside the orgre after you have cut into the earth. Once the earth
inside the bit is compressed, you can lift the orgre out of the ground
and the earth will remain inside the bit.
A few hard whacks on the surface will remove the compressed earth from
the bit, and you can start over again.
The concept is a bit slow, but it works well.
The deeper you go, the more clay (and harder) the earth gets, this
makes the concept better, as the more dense earth tends to stay within
the orgre bit as you lift it out of the hole.
Let me know what you think.

73
Steve
VK3DBL

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68. Dxer's QTH for sale Repost

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: RGYoung <RGYoung@prodigy.net>
Message-ID: <33060A36.7A6F@prodigy.net>
Source record: 2936
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

Baton Rouge, La.

Three years after setting up this station here in Baton Rouge, I've been transferred to FLa. I really would like to leave the antenna system intact when the house is sold, but if I have to, I'll sell it seperately or take it with me.

This is a charming 3Br/2Ba 1670 sq. ft. brick home on a 110' X 150' lot in an established subdivision which has NO ANTENNA RESTRICTIONS. The house was built in 1960, was completely remodeled three years ago, has a chain linked fenced back yard, 4 huge and beautiful "Live Oak" trees (2 in the front and 2 in the back), and is 2 blocks from the elementary school. With the property valued at $85,000, the taxes last year were $61.00.

The Antenna System consists of: Commercial grade extreme duty aluminum 80' self supporting motorized crank up tower which I had custom built. This is a triangular tower measuring 36" per side at the base. Rotor is a Yaesu variable speed G1000SDX. 15' of $10/ft. extreme heavy wall mast puts the KT34XA KLM beam (2 years old, had a mosely PRO67B up for first year) at about 92'. 10' below that is the Cushcraft "Skywalker" 2 element 40 meter beam (also 2 years old). An Ameritron five position switch box at the 40' level directs the 5 element 80 meter half wave sloper array (f to b ratio confirmed many times by DX stations to be at least 20db.) At the 80' level is a 13 element Cushcraft 2 meter beam on a seperate side mounted rotor. All coax (mil spec RG213) and other cabling is neatly bundled and enters the shack via the attic and internally through the inside of the walls. The ground system consists of 2,800 feet of #4 bare copper wire buried 6" deep in a grid with 10' centers throughout the entire yard. (the neighbors REALLY knew I was a lunitic when they saw me putting it in) All junctions are soldered...and the whole thing is tied to four 8' ground rods under the 6' deep tower foundation(6' X 6' X 6' of 4000lb psi peagravel concrete with 180 lbs of tied rebar), four ground rods at the far corners, and 2 rods on the sides of the house. I put this station on the air in Jan '93, and since that time I have compiled in leisure time 302 countries confirmed (all bands), 5 Band DXCC (plaque dated March 27, 1995), 216 confirmed on 40 meters, and 186 on 80 meters. Last year I strung up a 160 meter inverted vee for 2 week ends and won CQ 160 meter phone contest for the state of Louisiana.

The rest of the station which I'm taking with me regardless, is a Kenwood TS950SDX, Ameritron AL-1500, and several hundred pounds of various other junk.

The price for this very nice home with all antenna equipment mentioned above is $84,900.00. I might point out that property values in this part of the country are quite low compared to most of the rest of the country....as are the taxes. La. has a $75,000 "Homestead" Exemption, which means that the first $75,000 of a home's value is tax free.

The antenna System alone is $5,000.00 (I've got almost $9,000 in it) I'll take it down, you ship or haul it off.

Bob Young W8LAQ
Baton Rouge, La.
email to RGYoung@prodigy.net or call 504 922-9989

69. MARS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ben P. Cook" <bcook@juno.com>
Message-ID: <3306555C.E43@juno.com>
Source record: 2937
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Help!

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apreciate it. Thanks!

-Ben Cook, KE6YPF

70. Re: MARS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: crow@summit.net
Message-ID: <NEWTNews.856056104.15724.crow@crow.summit.net>
Source record: 2938
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio

In Article<3306555C.E43@juno.com>, <bcook@juno.com> writes:
> Path: news.summit.net!news-out.internetmci.com!newsfeed.internetmci.com!news.msfc.nasa.gov!www.nntp.primenet.com!nntp.primenet.com!news1.best.com!nntp2.ba.best.com!not-for-mail
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> Subject: MARS
> Date: Sat, 15 Feb 1997 16:31:24 -0800
> Lines: 7
> Message-ID: <3306555C.E43@juno.com>
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ben, i am a member of navy mars. send me your address - e-mail or snail mail and will have someone contact you. thanks for your interest. navy marine corps mars - serving those who serve.

71. Re: MARS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: jtombre@msu.oscs.montana.edu
Message-ID: <5e7f6f$9il@netra.montana.edu>
Source record: 2939
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Ben, A few months ago I was looking into the MARS and the only way that I found out about it was by jumping on the internet and typing in "MARS" and that took me right there. It would even tell you who the regional person was for where you lived. I will see if I can find the address for you.

Good luck 73's,
Jay Tombre N7ZHL
jtombre@montana.edu

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72. Re: Setting up an antenna tower.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: deanl@bigfoot.com
Message-ID: <330e4003.5746088@news.rconnect.com>
Source record: 2940
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sat, 15 Feb 1997 20:50:28 GMT, hainess@ocean.com.au wrote:

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I don't know how high this tower is... but you are going WAY too deep

Unless you nave need to go that deep for most towers of a modest size a
4ft by 4 ft block of cement is all you will need... You may want to dig a
post hole sized section in the bottom of your 4X4 hole down to 6 ft or more
to make you feel good.

One of the Main things to remember is to use Lots of re rod... The steel is
what makes the cement strong.. at it is cheep..

Remember too... to place that cement you are going to have to figure out how
to move it from your driveway to your hole... 1 1/2 yard of cement is
heaver than you think :)

73 my friend Dean WB0TKC

73. Re: MARS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Bill M. Carson" <poppie@fidalgo.net>
Message-ID: <01bc1c5b$37e6b740$3b9c81ce@Ppoppie>
Source record: 2941
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Hi Jay: Always nice to see a ham on the net; particularly when it's a N7.
Greetings! Bill KE7GM (La Conner)

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74. Re: Setting up an antenna tower.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <33080375.5946@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2942
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> your job. Good luck.
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YOu can also rent electronic POLE HOLE DIGGERS that will dig holes
from local rental companies..about 30-50 bucks a day

or try a shovel...

or have a tower rasing party and have your buddies bring tools an take
turns digging...i did this ..i supplies the burgers and dogs they came
with the liquid refreshemnt of thier choice an we dug 4 0r 5 in the back
yard...xyl had a fit....

DON good luck an 73

75. Re: MARS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <330BDC82.5EF4@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2943
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio

crow@summit.net wrote:
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> In Article<3306555C.E43@juno.com>, <bcook@juno.com> writes:
> > Path: news.summit.net!news-out.internetmci.com!newsfeed.internetmci.com!news.msfc.nasa
.gov!www.nntp.primenet.com!nntp.primenet.com!news1.best.com!nntp2.ba.best.com!not-for-mail
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> ben, i am a member of navy mars. send me your address - e-mail or snail mail
> and will have someone contact you. thanks for your interest. navy marine corps
> mars - serving those who serve.
and if he cant help ya i can

e-mail back

DON
e-mail D.ARNOLD@primocomputers.com
KB5FHX-ham
NNN0ESR-mars

76. Re: Thunder Tiger 91S 4-Stroke Engine

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Luis <otero@cesga.es>
Message-ID: <330CB507.2314@cesga.es>
Source record: 2944
Cross-posted to: alt.forsale,hsv.forsale,ingr.forsale,misc.forsale,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

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Rick Olson wrote:
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> Thunder Tiger 91S 4-Stroke
> Like New, Only run twice on the bench.
> Was to much motor for my plane...
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> $150 shipped UPS Ground, or US Mail in the US
>
> Rick Olson
> olson@hiwaay.net
> http://fly.hiwaay.net/~olson/garage.html

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Luis
otero@cesga.es
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77. GLOUCESTER AMATEUR RADIO & ELECTRONICS SOCIETY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: steve richards <steve@s-ric.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <856468348.29956.0@s-ric.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2945
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio,rec.radio.shortwave,comp.misc,comp.robotics

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78. Re: GLOUCESTER AMATEUR RADIO & ELECTRONICS SOCIETY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ruckdee C." <ruckdeec@help.ksc.net.th>
Message-ID: <330DF084.4789@help.ksc.net.th>
Source record: 2946
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio,rec.radio.shortwave,comp.misc,comp.robotics

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Would you please kindly advise me what the word "HAM" is abbreviated
from?

Best regards,

Ruckdee C. <=-=> http://help.ksc.net.th:8888 <=-=>
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ruckdeec@help.ksc.net.th, nolt@taygate.cl.au.ac.th
formerwebmaster@ac1.ac.ac.th

79. -FS- Kenwood LMR Service Manuals

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ron Sibbitt <n8lmt@avci.net>
Message-ID: <01bc214d$9145cb40$edd133cf@ron-s-computer>
Source record: 2947
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.commercial-lmr

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REPLY TO Ron Sibbitt
Croswell, MI
n8lmt@avci.net

80. CES 510SA pathc-to-Kenwood TM732A

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tony Mori <tonym@netrunner.net>
Message-ID: <01bc220f$5290b3c0$b69189cc@mechwarrior.netrunner.net>
Source record: 2948
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

HEEEELP!!

trying to hook it up...'bout to shoot myself! I'm wiring through an
MFJ-1272M TNC/Mike switch. PTT's to send ID,
Receives DTMF codes to bring patch up, but no "phone line stuff" is
transmitted. Doesn't PTT until I dis-connect,
and It ID's again...Any ideas?

Patch: CES 510SA
Radio: Kenwood TM-732A

81. SOFTWARE COLLECTION

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: nobody@huge.cajones.com
Message-ID: <199702241951.LAA01861@mailmasher.com>
Source record: 2949
Cross-posted to: nz.soc.queer,nz.test,nz.wanted,rec.ham-radio

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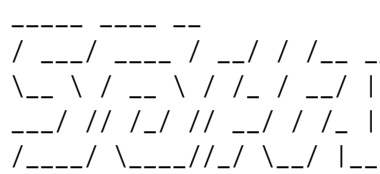

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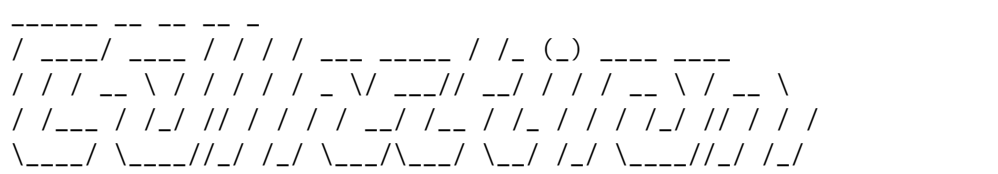

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82. SOFTWARE COLLECTION

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-02-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: nobody@huge.cajones.com
Message-ID: <199702242130.NAA18725@mailmasher.com>
Source record: 2950
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83. Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com>
Message-ID: <33195106.4079@kerrlake.com>
Source record: 2860
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

It has become evident that the ex-service now hobby is done:
Stick a fork in it!

It serves no one that cellular doesn't.
We are not unique, look around. Everyone has radios, phones.

Most operators are tunnel-visioned, goat-headed people. They think that the license, the code or the younger thinkers are the problem:

I contend it has been the ARRL, NTS and the volunteer exam/incentive licensing that has did it in. To many "elite" people who must complain when someone says what they want to say or operate as they want. I once thought packet radio might go somewhere but we never got over 1200 baud.

Now if the fact that cell phones were allowed in the Olympic venues but ham radios were not doesn't show you something, listen to a voice traffic net like the Indiana Traffic/DewDrop/Mushroom Cloud Spotting net some afternoon. NTS needs to tie up a radio frequency to handle fake messages for people who are too lazy to pick up the phone or mail a letter to mom wishing her happy birthday. Give me a break! They even pass phone numbers of recipients AND NOW even E-MAIL ADDRESSES!!!A JOKE! Right?

I am just waiting till all the VHF spectrum is gone, along with most of the HF spectrum. Then we will all be CBers, like many elite hams call others in order to degrade an opinion they can't stand to debate.

Structure, as per ARRL, has not kept up with the purpose of the "service"
That service used to be needed, now we are "bookmarks"for other wireless services. The latest band gone is 2300 MHz for wireless internet, not for packet, which should have pushed been years ago, along with:

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84. Indiana Traffic Net/NTS in general - Who is kidding who?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com>
Message-ID: <33195CB8.F12@kerrlake.com>
Source record: 2861
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

I have listened to this situation for years. It has recently been posted that the Indiana Traffic Net on 3.910 is an interfering disturbance. I fully agree. Let me explain then consider if it makes sense to you.

The National Traffic System has evolved into an inefficient example of what this "hobby" has turned into, a tower of babble. For example, they crank up when the frequency is in use by others, claiming they can't hear the East Coast. Then, ask for checkins with traffic. After not getting any traffic or a few pointless messages, they call a roll call! This wastes another 5-10 minutes for no purpose. Mind you this is 4 times a day. Then the net control generates a message telling some other manager how many checkins, total time wasted and his blessings. There simply is no efficiency to this voice NTS trash! A typical NTS message contains the recipients' phone number and sometimes even e-mail address!

What is obvious to me is that this is a waste of an HF channel, it would be less of a disturbance on VHF of course but they claim VHF won't cover all the stations? With all the repeaters across any state? Ok, lets go to
packet. The claim is packet doesn't train voice handlers. HUH? If a voice
operator can't handle an emergency naturally, NTS fake messages won't give him a clue anyway! I question the circumvention of postal and telephone services in the name of training for "the big one". I also have heard the Indiana Traffic Net has started complaining that the government will no longer supply raingauges for another net they run, The Indiana Dew Drop/Mushroom Cloud Spotting/Warfront Net. There comes a time when you have to pay your own way. This is another waste of a HF channel when NexRad radar can show precipitation and we already pay for NOAA weather stations to provide the US public with such info. Why is there over 2 hours a day wasted with nothing accomplished. This net is just an example, not all NTS nets a slumps like this but most are on HF. There is no reason to interfere with such waste! It is sad what this service has become. All of this stuff can be handled on VHF or e-mail or let the lazy senders pick up the phone! It doesn't provide much of any training and besides ham radio offers very little relief for emergencies when cell abound in public emergency services.

Yet the ARRL claims all this NTS public service and allocation claims. Just one example of how NTS, the ARRL and its' mentality have ruined our chances for survival as we are allocated NOW. You are suprised that 144 and 440 are going to be "shared" by satellites? This is an idiotic statement supported by the ARRL like they agreed to "share" 902-928. How many of you run any 900 operations? 222? 1296? 2304?

It will all be gone by about 2000, mark it down and use it now!

Maybe you should start another traffic net. It will act as a bookmark
for someone who wants to use that frequency for wireless internet at
56Kbps! Now that is progress, not this NTS crap on 3.910 and other HF.

I will gladly accept flames, replies via NTS only so be patient,
it may take a few weeks for an answer!

The ARRL and NTS - Clueless in Newington!
Woody
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85. Audio TS440 on ssb?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: George <kilowatt@jadeinc.com>
Message-ID: <01bc2707$5f0a5be0$afe01ece@george>
Source record: 2862
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,uk.radio.amateur

Just got a ts440s and have been told the ssb audio is low. FM and AM
appear to supply sufficent drive, whils the SSB clarity sounds like an
early modle HT with the same mikes as in the FM/AM tests?
I can't seem to locate the internal ADJUStMENTS any help would be really
appreicated.

73's
George

86. FS: OPTO SCOUT 40 V.3.1

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <857426099.23427@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2863
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

For Sale...My Optoelectronics Scout 40 frequency counter (400 memories), version 3.1, comes with original box, manual, interface software, ac adaptor and quick reference manual, like new $300.00 and I will ship to your door.

Chris M.
kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
313-753-5526

----------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------
http://www.dejanews.com/ Search, Read, Post to Usenet

87. K2ASP - Re: ARRL Members support

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com>
Message-ID: <331B6738.1089@kerrlake.com>
Source record: 2864
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Phil Kane wrote:
>
> In a message to ALL dated 03-02-97 CARL R. STEVENSON wrote:
>
> CRS> It IS totally absurd that we can operate relatively sophisticated
> CRS> SS Part 15 devices at 1W in the 902-928 band as "Joe citizen,"
> CRS> but it's illegal to use the same modulation and spreading techniques
> CRS> in the very same band as a ham ...
>
> Agreed, but the absurdity may be 180 degrees from your view of it.

Really? I can understand him. He is not being absurd.

> Remember that I was trained in the philosophy of radio regulation
> by someone who was trained under the French, who regard civilian
> possession and use of radio equipment about the same as civilian
> possession and use of a machine gun.

This is not France. We are not French subjects.

> Although I don't buy that philosophy to any great extent, some
> of it still sticks (exclusive of ham radio, of course <ggggg>).

Too bad, why not move there where your view fits in.<ggggg>

> One of the things that I will not back away from is the
> necessity of the regulatory agency to have the capability to
> verify that the signal is in compliance (or non-compliance) with
> all rules, technical as well as content where the latter exist,
> as they do in the amateur service.

One of the problems. Rigid control stiffles new technology.

> CRS> and the rule regarding keeping
> CRS> copies of all transmissions for a year is onerous ...

Its bull.
>
> Until and unless the rules change to no longer require FCC to
> exercise content control on amateur transmissions (there is no
> content control on Part 15 stuff) the need to "read" the traffic
> is there....and until and unless "Uncle Charlie" gets Crays and
> equivalant to do real-time decoding and content evaluation,
> there will be a need for such record-keeping. NSA does not rent
> time on its facilities to the great unwashed civilian agencies.....

Let the ARRL handle this. They are unsurpassed at screwing
up a good thing like new technical frontiers and freedom.

> Add to that one of the nice side-effects of SS signals (your
> taxpayer DoD money at work over the years to ensure this) - very
> increased difficulty in direction-finding (difficult but not
> impossible) and you have another reason why "complex"
> super-sophisticated schemes are not looked on with glee for
> amateur use. Remember that the heyday of several bureau chiefs
> being amateurs is long past.

Why? Part 15 devices need not worry about DFing or content.
The cart is before the horse.

> There were some of us at the FCC who actively fought approval of
> SS for amateur use because of the inability to perform those
> required regulatory functions in an efficient manner with what
> we had in those days, and our real concerns caused The Congress
> to let some money loose for some new equipment. Not enough, of
> course.

Such a big threat. Rather do away with source: Hams

> CRS> Let's face it ... large parts of Part 97 technical rules are
> CRS> outdated, obstructionist, and absurd.

Agreed. The man is right. The ARRL has negotiated this for us.
We won't need new rules when there will be no one to rule.

> Your personal opinion. Wear the moccasins for a while......

Whatever that means. Smoke another one!

> The amateur radio service - as well as any other service -
> exists on the sufferance of the agency, not vice versa.

Too bad we needed NTS and contesting instead of freedom to
experiment. Lack of equipment is no excuse to hold
back a "service". No wonder we are doomed as a "hobby"
Just a set of bookmarks for wireless to "harvest" for $$$

> 73 de Phil Kane - K2ASP (since 1952)

45 years and still not living in France as a subject.

Good luck. The service is gone. Renamed a "hobby" where
people contest, not contribute. Ham radio service - R.I.P.!
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88. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: *mmcgirr*@digital.net
Message-ID: <331babff.51517747@news.digital.net>
Source record: 2865
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sun, 02 Mar 1997 02:05:58 -0800, Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com> wrote:
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>Stick a fork in it!
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SNIP
>Do you get the picture?
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No, come on Woody... don't hold back...
tell us how you REALLY feel....

89. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Christopher Cox <cobox@netexp.net>
Message-ID: <01bc2898$168b4fe0$7460b6cd@chris>
Source record: 2866
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Yep. But I really am hoping AMSAT will change this tide of problems. It has the capablity. Just hope the Rocket doesn't blow. If that happens THEN you can kiss Amateur Radio Good by except for the not needed "Maybe the propagations there now" HF band. Then we will all have to know code to become a member faternal Order of HF'ers. :-)

90. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Kenny A. Chaffin" <kenny@kacweb.com>
Message-ID: <331C09E6.2609@kacweb.com>
Source record: 2867
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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I think the drop/lackofinterest/badvibes are simply due to technology
and the changes that have taken place in computing, digital, radio, etc.
technology. Electronics has advanced to the point where it's both
complex and difficult to implement as an individual hobbist. Electronic
components even are difficult to use and apply without a thorough
understanding of electronic theory (essentially a college degree) and
parts are difficult to obtain in small quantities due to economics etc.
The state of the art of radio is cellular and satellite broadcase which
use complex computer technology and digital encoding. The current ham
community is restricted in their ability to experiment in these areas by
the complexity of the technology as well as the current regulations
regarding such experimentation. If the regulations allowed it, I think
we'd see more activity and interest in ham radio. There was a time that
advanced in the technology came from the amateur community, but now
advanced come from the corporations.
I'll stop there.....

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91. GLOUCESTER AMATEUR RADIO & ELECTRONICS SOCIETY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: steve richards <steve@s-ric.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <857510127.24344.0@s-ric.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2868
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12 May a presentation on computers and communications
9 June a presentation on phase locked loops

Further details about the society can be found on our web pages at http://www.furcot.demon.co.uk/gares0.htm or by sending e-mail to gares@furcot.demon.co.uk

92. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: barryo*@*fastlink.com.au
Message-ID: <331db5e7.10828164@news.fastlink.com.au>
Source record: 2869
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com> wrote:

:It has become evident that the ex-service now hobby is done:
:Stick a fork in it!
:
:It serves no one that cellular doesn't.
:We are not unique, look around. Everyone has radios, phones.

Amateur radio is the old mans CB chat line. It does have a place.

:Most operators are tunnel-visioned, goat-headed people. They think that
:the license, the code or the younger thinkers are the problem:
:
:I contend it has been the ARRL, NTS and the volunteer exam/incentive
:licensing that has did it in. To many "elite" people who must complain
:when someone says what they want to say or operate as they want. I once
:thought packet radio might go somewhere but we never got over 1200 baud.
:
:Now if the fact that cell phones were allowed in the Olympic venues
:but ham radios were not doesn't show you something, listen to a voice
:traffic net like the Indiana Traffic/DewDrop/Mushroom Cloud Spotting net
:some afternoon. NTS needs to tie up a radio frequency to handle fake
:messages for people who are too lazy to pick up the phone or mail a
:letter to mom wishing her happy birthday. Give me a break! They even
:pass phone numbers of recipients AND NOW even E-MAIL ADDRESSES!!!A JOKE!
:Right?

Amateur radio is in danger of disapearing for lack of interest so it
is necessary to invent reasons to use the service. If it wasn't for
old men chatting and people inventing reasons to use their equipment
the bands would be mostly empty.

:I am just waiting till all the VHF spectrum is gone, along with most
:of the HF spectrum. Then we will all be CBers, like many elite hams
:call others in order to degrade an opinion they can't stand to debate.

There is no need for the large amount of spectrum space allocated to the
amateur service. 144 to 148 could be reduced to 144 to 145 with no harm
to amateurs. 430 to 450 could be reduced to 430 to 440 and stil allow
ATV. Most other bands could be eliminated or reduced by half without
harm to amateurs and with benefit to others.

:Structure, as per ARRL, has not kept up with the purpose of the
:"service"
:That service used to be needed, now we are "bookmarks"for other wireless

:services. The latest band gone is 2300 MHz for wireless internet, not
:for packet, which should have pushed been years ago, along with:
:
:902-928 GONE well "shared" by every device that would hear hams! Lesson?
:220-222 GONE
:144-148 soon to be gone
:222-225 soon to be gone
:430-450 soon to be gone
:
:Do you get the picture?
:Maybe I drew one for you...

Amateur radio is no longer needed but in fairness to those who can't give
it up a few bands should be retained in reduced format.

If amateurs want respect they need to clean up their act.

Barry

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Please remove the * from the return adddress when replying.
Unsolicited commercial emails are not wanted.
Responses to my article are welcome.

93. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5fij31$t73@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2870
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>Do you get the picture?
>Maybe I drew one for you...

After my dealings with contesters this past weekend, I doubt that I would miss it very much.

Tom - N8ECW

94. Re: Indiana Traffic Net/NTS in general - Who is kidding who?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5fnglj$nqo@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2871
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>I will gladly accept flames, replies via NTS only so be patient,
>it may take a few weeks for an answer!
>
>The ARRL and NTS - Clueless in Newington!
>Woody

I've only ever gotten one NTS message. That was to say that I had some "wallpaper" waiting at the QSL bureau.

Tom - N8ECW

95. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Michael and Jayne Goad <ka4ezy@flinet.com>
Message-ID: <331F894F.41D8@flinet.com>
Source record: 2872
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Woody wrote:
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> Stick a fork in it!
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> We are not unique, look around. Everyone has radios, phones.
>
=-=

If you want to know what service the amateur radio community provides that cellular doesn't, I invite you to come down and talk to the people who were involved in the recovery efforts after Hurricane Andrew. Most of the cell sites in the affected area were blown away and the ones that were left were overloaded. Hams provided a lot of the communications until other forms could be restored. You may think Ham Radio is on its death bed and gasping but as long as the are disasters of this magnitude and hams willing to help out, ham radio will be alive and well. We just sometimes have to remind the bureaucrats that see only dollar signs that there is more to life than money.

Mike Goad
KA4EZY

96. Re: Indiana Traffic Net/NTS in general - Who is kidding who?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Harv Nelson <hnelson@facstaff.wisc.edu>
Message-ID: <331FD5FF.2BE4@facstaff.wisc.edu>
Source record: 2873
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

T.L.Bryant wrote:
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> >it may take a few weeks for an answer!
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> >Woody
>
> I've only ever gotten one NTS message. That was to say that I had some
> "wallpaper" waiting at the QSL bureau.
>
> Tom - N8ECW

I once received an NTS message ... it was a birthday greeting from some QCWA brother I'd never met, who has sadly passed from the scene, and whose call I have long since forgotten. It was his device for teaching the "novices" how the NTS worked. The system "administrators" asked him to stop send his greetings ... because the number of messages he sent "clogged" their "system", making it impossible to move the "higher priority" traffic. And, we really do NEED such systems! ;-)

Harv/KG9GA

Harv/KG9GA

97. Re: Audio TS440 on ssb?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: ken.oliver@btinternet.com
Message-ID: <33226884.3874259@news.btinternet.com>
Source record: 2874
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,uk.radio.amateur

On 2 Mar 1997 12:42:45 GMT, "George " <kilowatt@jadeinc.com> wrote:

>Just got a ts440s and have been told the ssb audio is low. FM and AM
>appear to supply sufficent drive, whils the SSB clarity sounds like an
>early modle HT with the same mikes as in the FM/AM tests?

ummmm
I wonder if it's been used for HF packet .... That effect happened to
me after using a rig for heavy HF digital use may be worth looking
into

Ken G4SLG
....Your deeds will follow you through life like shadows...

98. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com>
Message-ID: <33213CB1.314E@kerrlake.com>
Source record: 2875
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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They could have flooded the area with jobcomms.
I am not saying it can't.
Most times lately, it don't.
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99. Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: davidf@acay.com.au
Message-ID: <3322916a.2743132@news.onaustralia.com.au>
Source record: 2876
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

I'l be in HK for business next week and was wondering about picking up some new gear -- Yaesu's FT-50R dual-band h/h is top of the list! :>

Has anyone here bought gear in HK? Are the prices that much cheaper than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend, which should I avoid?

In short, are there any HK-savvy amateurs to help a first-timer from getting burnt?

Thanks,

df

(ps. sorry for the cross-post but I wanted to make sure I got a good spread of fellow amateurs who may have 'been there, done that').

David Fox
(davidf@acay.com.au)

100. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <3322BEC5.A4@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2877
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael and Jayne Goad wrote:
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> > Stick a fork in it!
> >
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> that cellular doesn't, I invite you to come down and talk to the people
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> of the cell sites in the affected area were blown away and the ones that
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> sometimes have to remind the bureaucrats that see only dollar signs that
> there is more to life than money.
>
> Mike Goad
> KA4EZY
HERE HERE could not have said it better myself....

those of us that live on the coast knkow this to be true...

DON, PASCAGOULA MS< 40 mi w of MOBILE ALA...KB5FHX

101. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: barryo*@*fastlink.com.au
Message-ID: <3322cde3.15336700@news.fastlink.com.au>
Source record: 2878
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael and Jayne Goad <ka4ezy@flinet.com> wrote:

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:sometimes have to remind the bureaucrats that see only dollar signs that
:there is more to life than money.
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:Mike Goad
:KA4EZY
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Amateur radio should be retained for those that want it. But the bands could be reduced to one quarter of what they are now and still provide room for the hobby.

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102. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: myers@West.Sun.COM
Message-ID: <5fur28$ca0@abyss.West.Sun.COM>
Source record: 2879
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

In article <3322916a.2743132@news.onaustralia.com.au>,
David Fox <davidf@acay.com.au> wrote:
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>than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend,
>which should I avoid?
>
>In short, are there any HK-savvy amateurs to help a first-timer from
>getting burnt?

I spent a fortnight in HK last December.

I found a few shops selling amateur gear. The prices were generally
higher than in the US. Apparently most of the shops expect you to
dicker on the price and start out high, but the IC-2000H I looked
at listed at 400,000 HKD - about $520 US. I said "that sells for
about 225,000 HKD in Los Angeles" and he couldn't even come close,
much less offer an attractive deal.

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* Dana H. Myers K6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are mine and should *
* (310) 348-6043 | not be interpreted or represented as *
* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | those of Sun Microsystems, Inc. *

103. Re: WTB: Yaesu FT1000xx

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Morrison <ki5xp@iamerica.net>
Message-ID: <33239A00.2581@iamerica.net>
Source record: 2880
Cross-posted to: iamerica.amateur.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

MEL SUMRELL wrote:
>
> Looking for Yaesu FT1000 series XCVR.
> Please note accessories, price, and reason for selling.
> In case I don't get back to this group soon, please send data to
> sumrell@iamerica.net
>
> Thanks
> --
> Mel Sumrell KF4FTA/AE
> sumrell@iamerica.net
> MSumrell@templeinland.com
> http://cust2.iamerica.net/sumrell
> ---
>
> A thousand good deeds no one remembers
> ...One screw-up, no one forgets
> ---

Mel,

I dont have one, but you might pass a note along to Jim Moore WU3V (jim@usl.edu) and see if he's heard of anything. Jim runs the Packet Cluster down in Abbeville, La. and there's usually messages like that floating along there. Tell him I sent ya, and maybe he'll pass along access to the Net side of his gateway and letcha read the messages on his cluster.

Good luck

Charlie
KI5XP

ki5xp@linknet.net
ki5xp@iamerica.net
ki5xp@w5ddl.aara.org

104. CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com>
Message-ID: <33236044.339E@kerrlake.com>
Source record: 2881
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

After reading all this drivel by NK2U and countless others. Ham radio operators show to the world, they wish NOT to allow an outdated mode to die. They would rather be rigid to the point of breaking the hobby off instead of being dynamic or say flexible. How stupid!

I don't care if you want to operate CW. It should not be required any longer. International requirements are vanishing, so will this 'HOBBY' if this rigidness keeps up. This is my opinion.

I wish the ARRL had just left electronics theory in the test so most of you appliance operators would be in this hobby! Electronic theory was watered down when the ARRL started generating question pools.
I would love to see most, NOT all, you extras pass a technical test worth something more than outdated 20 wpm CW.

NK2U would have to join the Army, to learn electronic theory not CW!

Amateur Radio: one auction or so away from its demise...

Kill the code or kill the hobby?

The time has come...

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105. WTB: Yaesu FT1000xx

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: MEL SUMRELL <sumrell@iamerica.com>
Message-ID: <01bc2cfa$8e9f9340$122b65cf@mel>
Source record: 2882
Cross-posted to: iamerica.amateur.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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106. Re: WTB: Yaesu FT1000xx

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: E F Benson <castco@roadrace.com>
Message-ID: <3324CF7B.1090@roadrace.com>
Source record: 2883
Cross-posted to: iamerica.amateur.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

Simply Telnet to the WU3V DX Cluster by using the following address:

206.104.42.245

By the way, I operate a FT-1000MP. It's an operators dream.

73,

E F Benson N2CKZ Elmhurst, IL USA

107. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Michael and Jayne Goad <ka4ezy@flinet.com>
Message-ID: <3324CA4B.79AF@flinet.com>
Source record: 2884
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Woody wrote:
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> They could have flooded the area with jobcomms.
> I am not saying it can't.
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Need you say more? You haven't said anything to begin with.
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108. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: pcr@ic.net
Message-ID: <5g29sa$7eo@news2.ic.net>
Source record: 2885
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

If you're going to make a believable case, you have to at least get your facts straight.

In article <33195106.4079@kerrlake.com>, rafman@kerrlake.com says...
>
>It serves no one that cellular doesn't.
>We are not unique, look around. Everyone has radios, phones.

The gaping hole in this argument has already been displayed.

{deletia}

>
>Now if the fact that cell phones were allowed in the Olympic venues
>but ham radios were not doesn't show you something,

It doesn't, because ham radios WERE allowed in the Olympic venues. Your info is outdated.

Are you trying to help?

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...phil
Copyright, Phillip C. Reed, 1997.
Naughty words: eWorks! OT7 AOL bomb Green Card hack phreak breast sex
PGP fingerprint = C5 41 B5 9E B4 56 0C C3 26 FC B9 ED BC D7 CA 8B

109. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5g2g0l$ihg@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2886
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>Need I say more?

Field Day = 24 hour tailgate party.

Tom - N8ECW

110. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Charlie Warfield, Jr." <charlie66@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <33261465.3E4@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2887
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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I admit I have not followed this thread all the way through, but I have
to agree that the code has to go. I have quietly held this view for a
long time, so I figure this is as good a time as any to speak up.

Morse code is the 90's equivalent of smoke signals. It's a quaint and
interesting skill, but has no longer has any practical value. The fact
that it has been abandoned by every other communications entity should
tell you something.

We all lament that it's so hard to get young people interested in ham
radio, but come on you old buzzards!!! CW IS BORING! How are you going
to convince the average 10 year old, who will barely even wait for a
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28,800 b.p.s. modem to do its thing, that tippy-tapping dots and dashes at 13 or even 20 w.p.m. is exciting? You're offering them a horse & buggy in a space shuttle world, so it should shock no one that they're not listening.

If we were genuinely interested in perpetuating this hobby, we would dump CW outright and shift focus towards computers, packet, ATV, and satellite communications. See a theme here, ladies & gentlemen?

For the record, I am a ham & got my ticket long before no-code, so I'm not playing sour grapes here.

No biggie. Just my opinion.

Charlie

111. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ed Hare <ehare@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <5g4h6b$52j@mgate.arrl.org>
Source record: 2888
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>I wish the ARRL had just left electronics theory in the test so most
>of you appliance operators would be in this hobby! Electronic theory
>was watered down when the ARRL started generating question pools.

The question pools are generated by the VEC Question Pool Committee, not
the ARRL. ARRL is a participant on that committee and I can tell you
with certainty, ARRL does not always get its way. :-)

>I would love to see most, NOT all, you extras pass a technical test
>worth something more than outdated 20 wpm CW.

IMHO, things are not a lot differnt, defacto, than in the time when the
FCC conducted exams. Several study guides published the exact FCC
questions and correct answers (notably the infamous Dick Bash guides).
The technical questions of today are perhaps even a bit harder than those
in the "good old days," IMHPO.

>NK2U would have to join the Army, to learn electronic theory not CW!

>Amateur Radio: one auction or so away from its demise...

>Kill the code or kill the hobby?

There will be other opinions, I am sure.

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73 from ARRL HQ,
Ed Hare, KA1CV
ARRL Laboratory Supervisor

112. Re: Audio TS440 on ssb?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: measures@mail.vcnet.com
Message-ID: <measures-ya02408000R1203970110450001@news.vcnet.com>
Source record: 2889
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna

In article <01bc2707$5f0a5be0$afe01ece@george>, "George "
<kilowatt@jadeinc.com> wrote:

> Just got a ts440s and have been told the ssb audio is low. FM and AM
> appear to supply sufficent drive, whils the SSB clarity sounds like an
> early modle HT with the same mikes as in the FM/AM tests?
> I can't seem to locate the internal ADJUStMENTS any help would be really
> appreicated.
>
> 73's
> George

I wrote an article that addresses this issue. You can find it at

http://www.vcnet.com/measures

Also, an electret condenser microphone is beneficial for those who do not
wish to sound like castrati on single sideband

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--Rich-- ag6k, 805-386-3734

113. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc2ef9$7c74e020$d2c1e1ce@cstevens.usr.com>
Source record: 2890
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Charlie Warfield, Jr. <charlie66@ameritech.net> wrote in article
<33261465.3E4@ameritech.net>...
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> I admit I have not followed this thread all the way through, but I have
> to agree that the code has to go. I have quietly held this view for a
> long time, so I figure this is as good a time as any to speak up.
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> Morse code is the 90's equivalent of smoke signals. It's a quaint and
> interesting skill, but has no longer has any practical value. The fact
> that it has been abandoned by every other communications entity should
> tell you something.
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> We all lament that it's so hard to get young people interested in ham
> radio, but come on you old buzzards!!! CW IS BORING! How are you going
> to convince the average 10 year old, who will barely even wait for a
> 28,800 b.p.s. modem to do its thing, that tippy-tapping dots and dashes
> at 13 or even 20 w.p.m. is exciting? You're offering them a horse &
> buggy in a space shuttle world, so it should shock no one that they're
> not listening.
>
> If we were genuinely interested in perpetuating this hobby, we would
> dump CW outright and shift focus towards computers, packet, ATV, and
> satellite communications. See a theme here, ladies & gentlemen?
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> For the record, I am a ham & got my ticket long before no-code, so I'm
> not playing sour grapes here.
>
> No biggie. Just my opinion.
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> Charlie

Well said, Charlie! Now get ready to duck when the pro-coders hurl
insults, flames, and all sorts of vilifications at you.

Please don't give up, though ... keep voicing your opinion and try to
corner your local CW olde fartz and convince them ... you'll fail to reach
most, because they're incapable of flexibility and rational thinking on
the subject, but occasionally you'll gain a convert and that's worth the
effort.

73,
Carl - wa6vse

carl@ais.net

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114. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: 2aa7ya@3rivers.net
Message-ID: <5ga181$n8i@news.montanavision.net>
Source record: 2891
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com> scribbled:

>After reading all this drivel by NK2U and countless others. Ham radio
>operators show to the world, they wish NOT to allow an outdated mode
>to die. They would rather be rigid to the point of breaking the hobby
>off instead of being dynamic or say flexible. How stupid!

If you learned the code, then quit bitchin'.

>I don't care if you want to operate CW. It should not be required
>any longer. International requirements are vanishing, so will this
>'HOBBY' if this rigidness keeps up. This is my opinion.

Where did you read this? I've heard there is *talk* of dropping the
code, not action currently underway.

>I wish the ARRL had just left electronics theory in the test so most
>of you appliance operators would be in this hobby! Electronic theory
>was watered down when the ARRL started generating question pools.
>I would love to see most, NOT all, you extras pass a technical test
>worth something more than outdated 20 wpm CW.

Umm, Woody, The National VEC, comprised in part by the ARRL writes up
the question pools, not the ARRL alone.

>NK2U would have to join the Army, to learn electronic theory not CW!

>Amateur Radio: one auction or so away from its demise...

>Kill the code or kill the hobby?

Should read: Kill the code, you've killed the hobby.

>The time has come...

For what?

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> Woody - KA2RAF/4 - I'm the NRA, not the ARRL | Buggs Island Lake:
> The BuckHorn WoodWorx of Buggs Island | Virginia's best fishing
>"A mind's a terrible thing to waste, provided you had one to start with"
>"There are 5 boxes to Freedom: Ballot, Witness, Jury, Soap & Cartridge"
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Stacey, AA7YA
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115. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: 2aa7ya@3rivers.net
Message-ID: <5ga18d$n8i@news.montanavision.net>
Source record: 2892
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Woody <rafman@kerrlake.com> scribbled:

>They could have flooded the area with jobcomms.
>I am not saying it can't.
>Most times lately, it don't.
>There are not many hams left who can "rough it".
>Look what "field day" has become...
>Need I say more?

Need you say more? What was it you said?

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116. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org>
Message-ID: <33296C09.965@rollanet.org>
Source record: 2893
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Charlie Warfield, Jr. wrote:
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> Woody wrote:

> > Kill the code or kill the hobby?
> >
> > The time has come...

keep the code, educate the applications. what is easier to build after learning
the important theory behind it? a cw transceiver or a phone xcvr or atv counterpart?

while the wpm req is probably high for today's standards, code is a great thing
to have knowlege of and should be a required part of the licensing system. perhaps
not such a block to the hf bands but should be in the mix. i personally frequent other modes of operation with atv being my latest project for my multi-cast repeater system. still yet, cw come into play whenever a minimalist/survivalist notion comes about. i have built [as countless others] a cw transceiver that is powered by alternate energy. it has 4 rechargeble AA batts that are charged either by sunlight or wind power. this really sparks the interest during field day and open houses at the club meetings.
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> Morse code is the 90's equivalent of smoke signals. It's a quaint and
> interesting skill, but has no longer has any practical value. The fact
> that it has been abandoned by every other communications entity should
> tell you something.

not so, just about every security oriented solution has cw as backup. i do advocate relegating cw to backup as it's major role but as important a requirement as any other. what happens in the thousand what-if scenarios when a homebrew min cw xcvr is the last means of communications?
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> We all lament that it's so hard to get young people interested in ham
> radio, but come on you old buzzards!!! CW IS BORING! How are you going
> to convince the average 10 year old, who will barely even wait for a
> 28,800 b.p.s. modem to do its thing, that tippy-tapping dots and dashes
> at 13 or even 20 w.p.m. is exciting? You're offering them a horse &
> buggy in a space shuttle world, so it should shock no one that they're

> not listening.

the code deciphering programs on my BBS are among the most popular.
kids still like that "secrect code" idea. i agree that it should not
keep them from certain bands and such but still should be a requirement
along with more intense theory.
>
> If we were genuinely interested in perpetuating this hobby, we would
> dump CW outright

i think this would be a giant step in the wrong direction. while i
advocate revamping the code requirements/restrictions, i still feel it
is important.

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hardware, software, programming concepts.

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> not playing sour grapes here.
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i'm new to the ham radio world but not to the fun stuff it encompasses.
years of 11 meter listening/disecting sparked while vhf lo/hi police
band fueled the fire. a ham came to the electronics repair store i
frelance for and suggested i take the exam that was being held in 10
days. they would love to have me he said. well a trip to the radio
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a 4 tape code course.

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walkie talkies as a kid!] i came away with a general class ticket in one
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it, he/she will do what is required to get it.

if they drop the 20wpm before i upgrade adv/extra, that will be fine.
if not i will be ready for that too.

> No biggie. Just my opinion.

absolutely, no need for flames in this group. plenty of non-hams and
prospects reading here to see what it's all about.

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A.C.Curtis Missouri's multi-cast repeater. 6m,
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117. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5gcmqs$i2j@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2894
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org> wrote:

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>keep the code, educate the applications. what is easier to build after
>learning the important theory behind it? a cw transceiver or a
>phone xcvr or atv counterpart?

If code testing ended, what would prevent you frm building
a CW transmitter anyway? The issue isn't to end the USE
of CW by those that want to use it for DX, QRP or whatever.

>while the wpm req is probably high for today's standards, code is a
>great thing to have knowlege of and should be a required part
>of the licensing system.

But you offer NO reason why. You just say it's great to have the
knowledge.

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>not such a block to the hf bands but should be in the mix. i personally
>frequent other modes of operation with atv being my latest project for
>my multi-cast repeater system. still yet, cw come into play whenever a
>minimalist/survivalist notion comes about.

Not any more in terms of those that are truly active in the
survivalist and safety aspects of CW. There hasn't even been
a viable use of CW in an emergency condition in years.

> i have built [as countless
>others] a cw transceiver that is powered by alternate energy. it has 4
>rechargeble AA batts that are charged either by sunlight or wind power.
>this really sparks the interest during field day and open houses at the
>club meetings.

And why should that end if CW testing as a requirement ends?

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>> interesting skill, but has no longer has any practical value. The fact
>> that it has been abandoned by every other communications entity should
>> tell you something.

>not so, just about every security oriented solution has cw as backup.

Please enlighten us on where that backup is being relied on?
The original statement is correct, CW has been abandoned as a viable
mode for any and all types of emergency communications, both in and
outside of amateur radio.

> i
>do advocate relegating cw to backup as it's major role but as important
>a requirement as any other. what happens in the thousand what-if
>scenarios when a homebrew min cw xcvr is the last means of
>communications?

The lack of even one credible example of that happening is
where the argument fails totally. You want every ham with HF
access to learn CW just in case someone on HF runs into
that situation? The economics of requiring CW today in
case of the one-in-a-million case is not justifiable. We'd be
better off and save more lives mandating all hams know CPR.

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>kids still like that "secrect code" idea. i agree that it should not
>keep them from certain bands and such but still should be a requirement
>along with more intense theory.

You still offer only yur opinion that we should have CW. You offer
no reasons why.

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>> dump CW outright

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Because??

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>all the new and improved stuff but would be "just another appliance
>operator" without the experience and training on all the old antiquated
>hardware, software, programming concepts.

Radio engineers and techs do not require CW knowledge to
be competent. Neither do hams. As a Navy technician, I never had to
know more code yet I had no problem at all maintaining and

repairing any of the shipboard electronics we had.

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>a 4 tape code course.

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>walkie talkies as a kid!] i came away with a general class ticket in one
>test session.

Wonderful, but that is not the norm, especially as it relates to the
code.

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>it, he/she will do what is required to get it.

That's true, but what is required should be justifiable in terms of
why it is a requirement in the first place.

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>prospects reading here to see what it's all about.

No flame intended at all. Just honest questions and counter
comments.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

118. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: onbelay@ma.ultranet.com
Message-ID: <3329a5c3.152047458@news.ma.ultranet.com>
Source record: 2895
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Fri, 14 Mar 1997 09:17:29 -0600, Demolition Man
<nospam.demoman@rollanet.org> wrote:

SNIP
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Hey, can you email me some more info on that CW transceiver?
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>*ATV
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>mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
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* onbelay@ma.ultranet.com *
* *
* Mark Schneider, WI1W http://www.ultranet.com/~onbelay *
* Manchester, NH *
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119. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Richard Van Fossan <richv@nwlink.com>
Message-ID: <01bc310c$9c163180$0100a8c0@richv.nwlink.com>
Source record: 2896
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

I really have to agree here. I can transmit information at 56KBaud using an ordinary telephone voice line. Why is it illegal to do exactly the same using an HF channel? Or a 900 MHz rig?

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120. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc3143$14394a40$84f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2897
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Do away with code???

Let me check my slide rule for a moment.

OK..... it seems that some people enjoy that mode.

I am one who does not. I perfer the computer. Why not require all hams to pass a computer test.... retroactive so that all the old CW operators (the ones who support CW requirements) can get up to speed with modern communication methods.

Does that follow current logic?

William Lee

121. FS/Trade:Heathkit SB-102 & Dentron GLA-1000

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Lott KC7OSZ <rll@premier1.net>
Message-ID: <332AD956.65BF@premier1.net>
Source record: 2898
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

Hi All

1.I have a Heathkit SB-102, pwr Supply(Model# HP-23), & SB-600 speaker for sale or trade. Radio has hand mic with it, in excellent condition, xmitter needs alignment and have extra set of tubes with it but unsure if they work, never had them in the radio. Books and manuals included. $250.00 OBO plus shipping

2.Dentron GLA-1000 HF Amplifier, in excellent shape with manual and scematics. $400.00 OBO plus shipping

or I would rally like to trade all of this for a Kenwood TS-140 w/MC-50 and Speaker. I'd pay for my shipping and you'd pay yours. Also would consider other rigs but I like the simplicity of the TS-140 .

E-mail or phone Bob Lott "KC7OSZ"
rll@premier1.net or (360)424-8289 if I am not home leave message and I will return your call or e-mail.
Thanks Bob...

122. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: ANTISPAMsteve100@dircon.co.uk
Message-ID: <332b05c4.918733@news.dircon.co.uk>
Source record: 2899
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

On Sun, 09 Mar 1997 11:13:24 GMT, davidf@acay.com.au (David Fox)
wrote:

>Has anyone here bought gear in HK? Are the prices that much cheaper
>than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend,
>which should I avoid?

Off topic ..... but the Canaries have some great cheap radios'
****
* steve100@dircon.co.uk
*
* M1BJR Plymouth
****
<<REMOVE "ANTISPAM" from e-mail address B4 replying>>

123. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org>
Message-ID: <332AF3DB.371C@rollanet.org>
Source record: 2900
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> > No biggie. Just my opinion.
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> > Charlie
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> Well said, Charlie! Now get ready to duck when the pro-coders hurl
> insults, flames, and all sorts of vilifications at you.
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hmmm. i seem to recall that i responded as a pro-code to his post
without any of the above stated negatives. read back a few, you make
yourself sound close-minded which is what you are trying to imply about
pro-coders below. \/

> Please don't give up, though ... keep voicing your opinion and try to
> corner your local CW olde fartz and convince them ... you'll fail to reach
> most, because they're incapable of flexibility and rational thinking on
> the subject, but occasionally you'll gain a convert and that's worth the
> effort.
>
now that paragraph is a flame. you warn that procoders are 'going' to
do
what you have already done. cw is not my preferred mode of
communicating
but i do feel it is and will always be an integral part of
communications.
the no-code ticket did alot to open ham radio to those not interested in
cw.
many delve into the code and upgrade because their club displays a
positive
attitude toward the code and the incentive idea. rather than treating
it
as an impossible obstacle, it's shown to be a fun and still useful part
of
radio. there is a way thru the code! i'm 29 and went from no ticket to
general class at one test session with 10 days to learn the code. i did
it
because i really, really, wanted it! so i did what was required to
reach it.
if the code is gone when i go to get my adv/extra ticket that is
wonderful,
if not, then i will be ready for it.

--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF
Missouri's multicast repeater: 6m, 70cm, *10m, *ATV
mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

124. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <332C827A.1BDE@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2816
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Jeffrey Herman wrote:
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> William Lee (willee@inwave.com) wrote:
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> : pass a computer test.... retroactive so that all the old CW operators (the
> : ones who support CW requirements) can get up to speed with modern
> : communication methods.
> : Does that follow current logic?
>
> Nope. We're members of the Amateur Radio Service, not the Amateur
> Computer Service.
> KH2PZ

WHY do we have CW...it is an operating MODE just like rtty/ssb/or atv
WHY should we learn it if WE dont want to...it does not help our
technical skills..i have operated in the hf band for years as a mars
operator to ships at sea an fixed land stations/ i have operated 10
meters all over the world as a NOVICE then a tech now a tech plus
I NEITHER WANT nor care to use the cw however atv/ssb/eme/meotor scatter
and 1.2ghz comm interest me..NOT CW which just another mode..and thats
all it should be..I am curretn building a MARS STATION with FULL ecomm
capability for the NAVY including downlinking real time satelite
info..every 10 mins. instead of the standard 20-60 mins you find on the
internet for my location (PASCAGOULA MS)...

AGAIN CW is just another mode..lets see that its stays there and doesnt
impeade further progress..I WILL NEVER UPGRADE BECAUSE OF THIS it is not
needed to operate on the higher band and i will not be there i get
around just fine without it thank YOU

DON ARNOLD KB5FHX/NNN0ESR

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There are 5 boxes to Freedom: Ballot, Witness, Jury, Soap & Cartridge"

125. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5gi4ij$d77@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2817
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <332C827A.1BDE@primocomputers.com>,
D.Arnold <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com> wrote:

>I NEITHER WANT nor care to use the cw however atv/ssb/eme/meotor scatter
>and 1.2ghz comm interest me..

In case you didn't know, you don't have to learn CW to use those modes.
You only need to learn CW if you intend to get on HF. Since 3 of the 4
modes you mention are restricted to VHF and above, that really shouldn't
be a matter of contention for you.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

126. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: hiphilip@news.hk.super.net
Message-ID: <5gh66thqq1@tst.hk.super.net>
Source record: 2818
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

David Fox (davidf@acay.com.au) wrote:
: I'l be in HK for business next week and was wondering about picking up
: some new gear -- Yaesu's FT-50R dual-band h/h is top of the list! :>

: Has anyone here bought gear in HK? Are the prices that much cheaper
: than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend,
: which should I avoid?

: In short, are there any HK-savvy amateurs to help a first-timer from
: getting burnt?

: Thanks,

: df

: (ps. sorry for the cross-post but I wanted to make sure I got a good
: spread of fellow amateurs who may have 'been there, done that').

: David Fox
: (davidf@acay.com.au)

Hi Mr. Fox,

You may go to Apliu Street in Sham Shui Po (Kowloon) to have
a look... there are few shops selling radio equipment.

Hope this info. useful for you!

73
Philip Lam
(hiphilip@hk.super.net)

127. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: t5150@netcom.com
Message-ID: <t5150E74IJo.44n@netcom.com>
Source record: 2901
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

William Lee (willee@inwave.com) wrote:

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: pass a computer test.... retroactive so that all the old CW operators (the
: ones who support CW requirements) can get up to speed with modern
: communication methods.

: Does that follow current logic?

: William Lee

William,
Remember, it is not new technolog, but stuff left over from greek
ideas - concepts. Just like airplanes... they ain't new, heck the
first cave man had the basic idea... and kitty hawk does not mean
anything.

--tlf

128. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martin D Farrell <Martin@hobbit.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <TR9sPDAFN$KzEw2a@hobbit.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2902
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

In article <332b05c4.918733@news.dircon.co.uk>, Steve <ANTISPAMsteve100@dircon.co.uk> writes
>On Sun, 09 Mar 1997 11:13:24 GMT, davidf@acay.com.au (David Fox)
>wrote:
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>>Has anyone here bought gear in HK? Are the prices that much cheaper
>>than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend,
>>which should I avoid?
>
>Off topic ..... but the Canaries have some great cheap radios'
>******************************

I think you mean cheep radios. They do suffer from many birdies however.

Sorry .....

73 Martin G8All Systems Go

129. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu
Message-ID: <5ggamo$ihq@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Source record: 2903
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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: communication methods.
: Does that follow current logic?

Nope. We're members of the Amateur Radio Service, not the Amateur
Computer Service.
KH2PZ

130. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: bry@mnsinc.com
Message-ID: <5gi966$nko@news1.mnsinc.com>
Source record: 2819
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

ANTISPAMsteve100@dircon.co.uk (Steve) whistled a happy tune like:

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|>wrote:

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|>>than at home (for me, home = Australia)? What shops can you recommend,
|>>which should I avoid?

|>Off topic ..... but the Canaries have some great cheap radios'

But STEVE - don't those radios have a problem with CHIRP??

(Ba-boom!! Couldn't resist!)

73 from Bry (((Amateur Radio G3XLQ / AF4K)))
http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/
E-mail: bry@mnsinc.com *** REMOVE ".NO_SPAM" to reply ***
Home of MEGALIST ham radio files, SWL info. etc. etc.
You MAY NOT use my email address for unsolicited Email!

131. Re: Buying amateur gear in Hong Kong

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: no.junk.mail@starbase.net
Message-ID: <332dff59.820381@news.dial.pipex.com>
Source record: 2820
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio

bry@mnsinc.com (Brian Carling AF4K/G3XLQ) wrote:

>>Off topic ..... but the Canaries have some great cheap radios'
>
>But STEVE - don't those radios have a problem with CHIRP??
>
I don't know about that, but I have heard several reports of FLUTTER on
DX signals when using these sets.

;-)

73 de G3NYY

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Walt Davidson E-mail: walt.d@virgin.net
walt@dial.pipex.com
walt@enterprise.net

132. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc32ce$3dc7fe60$78f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2821
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Jeffrey Herman <jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu> wrote in article
<5ggamo$ihq@news.Hawaii.Edu>...
> William Lee (willee@inwave.com) wrote:
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> : ones who support CW requirements) can get up to speed with modern
> : communication methods.
> : Does that follow current logic?
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> Nope. We're members of the Amateur Radio Service, not the Amateur
> Computer Service.
> KH2PZ
>
It would be interesting to know how many processor chips you radio has in
it.
Did you build it or purchase it as an appliance? Can you maintain and
repair it?
Do you understand all the logic operating within the case?

That is why we are AMATEUR OPERATORS... using modern comm. equipment.

Not to belittle anyone, just stating the facts. (as I see them)

William Lee N5WRX (general class and proud of it)

133. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5gjpj3$tl@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2822
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc32ce$3dc7fe60$78f431cf@william-lee>,
William Lee <willee@inwave.com> wrote:

>It would be interesting to know how many processor chips you radio has in it.

My car has a computer in it too. Should I understand embedded machine code
programming before I can drive?

>Did you build it or purchase it as an appliance? Can you maintain and
>repair it?
>Do you understand all the logic operating within the case?

You're asking the wrong guy. Jeff builds all his QRP transceivers.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

134. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: t5150@netcom.com
Message-ID: <t5150E776tA.C1I@netcom.com>
Source record: 2823
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5gjpj3$tl@anomaly.ideamation.com> kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com (Michael P. Deignan) writes:
>In article <01bc32ce$3dc7fe60$78f431cf@william-lee>,
> William Lee <willee@inwave.com> wrote:
>
>>It would be interesting to know how many processor chips you radio has in it.
>
>My car has a computer in it too. Should I understand embedded machine code
>programming before I can drive?
<snip>

Using that argument...
Are you saying that someone should not learn code, to use a store bought
Ham radio?

135. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Krin135@AOL.com
Message-ID: <332d7cd6.328676471@news.iamerica.net>
Source record: 2824
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Richard Van Fossan" <richv@nwlink.com> wrote:

>I really have to agree here. I can transmit information at 56KBaud using an
>ordinary telephone voice line. Why is it illegal to do exactly the same
>using an HF channel? Or a 900 MHz rig?
>
snip

last I looked, it's not practical "at this time" to run high speeds on
HF "because it takes too much bandwidth." Don't know my self, because
I'm only just getting into VHF/UHF packet, and sticking to 9600 baud.

I would suspect that if you could find someone to work with, that 56K
would not be unlawful on the UHF/SHF freqs, just difficult- afterall,
the Bit error rate would add up due to multipathing unless you were
working dish to dish LOS like the "big boys" do.

IIRC, even 45 "baud" Baudot communications is substantially faster
than the best Morse work- and there are folks working 1200 on HF freqs
at this time- what does this tell you about the Morse masters?

How about more on antennas and "engineering" as well as "good
practices" in the written testing- or a practical test- set up a Field
Day station and complete a voice contact...

I am a member of the ARRL, but seem to have missed getting one of the
surveys- I guess that I will just have to write in- code is OK if
there is nothing else, but pitifully slow for anything. I don't mind
having to learn some for "Treaty" requirements, but would like to see
it required for relicensure- eg fine, you want to save parts of the HF
bands for our code work, you have to re qualify at your stated speed
every time you renew your license.

In the mean time, change the FCC requirments to match those of the
WARC treaty currently in effect.

ck

Charles S. Krin, DO FAAFP
Krin135@AOL.com KC5EVN
"Reckless, Hell! I hit jus' where I was aimin'"
"Bubba Shot the Jukebox!" Mark Chestnut, 1995

136. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: js@ibbs.av.org
Message-ID: <45@ibbs.av.org>
Source record: 2825
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <t5150E74IJo.44n@netcom.com>, Tom Fritz (t5150@netcom.com) writes:
>William Lee (willee@inwave.com) wrote:
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>: I am one who does not. I perfer the computer. Why not require all hams to
>: pass a computer test.... retroactive so that all the old CW operators (the
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>: communication methods.
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>: William Lee
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>William,
>Remember, it is not new technolog, but stuff left over from greek
>ideas - concepts. Just like airplanes... they ain't new, heck the
>first cave man had the basic idea... and kitty hawk does not mean
>anything.
>
>--tlf
>

As I was doing one of those hour and a half drives down the road again,
I got to thinking deeply about no code. At first I thought to myself,
I had to go though it. So shutup and pay ones dues. Then a wave of
thought hit me. This happens so little these days. Can amateur radio
learn from the military. After all the military learned from us a few
times in our history.

I came up with the thought what about "time in grade". Im due for
promotion soon, I think thats why I was thinking about it. Someone
would take a test. Not just any test but a REAL test. Leave the
answers locked up until gradeing time type of test. Cover many of the
same topics covered now, with some added topics such as packet radio.

The first test for a novice license would be 125 questions. 100 would
be multiple guess, 25 would be draw the schematic symbols type of
thing. Draw a simple RCL or full wave bridge. A score of 70% on the 25
question part would be required to pass. A score of 75% would be
required to pass the multiple choice part. The novice license would be
automaticlly upgraded to Tech after 24 months (2 years). The Tech
license will expire 5 years after issue should one not be able to
upgrade. If one can not upgrade, one will have to retest for a
novice class license again. Failure to upgrade to general would
"loop" a person in this process. The current band plan will remain in

effect for each license.

The second test would be for general class. It would be 200 questions of a more complex nature. 150 questions will be multiple choice and 50 questions will be "fill in the blank". A score of 80% would be required to pass the multiple choice, a score of 85% would be required to pass the "fill in the blank". questions. The general class license would be upgraded automaticlly after 24 months (2 years) to advanced. The general/advanced license does not expire. Once advanced is awarded it will be good for life. Again, the current band plan will remain in effect.

The third test would be for extra class. Extra class will be the people that issue the tests. This test would be geared towrds the testing aspect and would be 50 multiple choice questions. A passing score will be 95%. Again, the current band plan will remain in effect.

- Study material for each test will be FCC issued. To obtain the materials a letter of request will be required.

- Study material for each test will fall under the standard government test compromise rules. In short, one is bound not to say what was in or on the test or study material.

- A CDROM will be issued to each testing group. This CDROM will have the question pool for each test. A program that will randomly select each question for each test will be used.

Just tossing some ideas around. More like passing time as I drove from eddies hole to L.A. for a taste of real life agian. I really like the time in grade license upgrade idea. That way everyone gets a shot at all of the bands in a very short time. Same as now, the faster one passes the tests the faster the upgrade. But, if someone is challenged in the brain department one can still have a shot at being a ham.

137. Re: Ham Radio: Death bed and gasping

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Michael A. Rutkaus" <resume@mnsinc.com>
Message-ID: <332F131D.1864@mnsinc.com>
Source record: 2826
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Well, who's going to communicate during a real disaster when the cell phone sites are blasted away by nature or man and the phone lines are down? Who's going to have the wherewithall to quickly rebuilt a communications network, put up new antennas, work from solar, generators or battery within a few hours...

I can't think of anyone else but hams. CB'ers perhaps locally for a few miles, maybe, but "REAL" communications....

Mike
K4QET

138. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu
Message-ID: <5glbp7$mvp@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Source record: 2827
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

William Lee <willee@inwave.com> wrote:
>Jeffrey Herman <jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu> wrote in article
><5ggamo$ihq@news.Hawaii.Edu>...
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>> Nope. We're members of the Amateur Radio Service, not the Amateur
>> Computer Service.

>It would be interesting to know how many processor chips you radio has in
>it.

None.

>Did you build it or purchase it as an appliance?

More than half my transmitters were built myself from scratch. A favorite pastime of mine is stripping old TV sets and using the components for home-built transmitters.*

>Can you maintain and repair it?

Since I built them from scratch I can certainly maintain and repair them.

>Do you understand all the logic operating within the case?

Most of them don't have a case - just an open chassis. Great conversation pieces! Heck, some are mounted on pieces of wood with copper tacks as solder joints. When I get on the air the other op can't tell if it's one of your microprocessor-controlled rigs or a breadboard rig (except the VFO does a little jump if you cough too hard on it).

>That is why we are AMATEUR OPERATORS... using modern comm. equipment.

Oh, I see (or as Jim would say, "O, I C"). I'll pit your modern comm equipment against anything I've built. Bet they will sound the same on the air.

>Not to belittle anyone, just stating the facts. (as I see them)

Okay.

>William Lee N5WRX (general class and proud of it)

73,
Jeff KH2PZ

*Those not built from scratch consist of an HW-16 which I'm rebuilding due to bad assembly by it's original builder, and a Galaxy GT-550 which is easy to maintain and repair.

139. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Charlie Warfield, Jr." <charlie66@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <33308AE8.59D0@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2828
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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> So you only build completely stupid equipment that depends
> entirely on "operator skill" ... that's quaint, but it sure doesn't
> do much for advancing any skills ... once you've learned how
> to solder well and stuff parts on a board, there's not a hell of
> a lot of "advanced" things to be done with simple a simple CW
> transmitter.

Oh how I agree! The pro-code geezers are trying to defend a 100+ year old communications medium under the guise of "skill". Big flipping deal! Knowing how to build a CW transmitter is like knowing how to build a steam engine: It does require skill and practice, and probably has some practical value, but how often is it really needed or desired in the real world?

I also deeply resent the sentiment that proponents of modern equipment and modes don't know anything. I'll bet I know more about this computer than the best CW operator knows about CW. And I can communicate millions of times faster and more efficiently to boot.

Yeesh! I think the "coders" realize it is the 90's, we just have to convince them it's the 1990's. I wonder how many of them ride a horse to work everyday because it requires more "skill" than passively sitting there with your hands on a wheel and pushing some pedals with your feet.
No biggie. Just my opinion.

73
Charlie

140. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc3479$893a0760$c8c1e1ce@cstevens.usr.com>
Source record: 2829
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Jeffrey Herman <jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu> wrote in article
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> >Did you build it or purchase it as an appliance?
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> More than half my transmitters were built myself from scratch. A favorite

> pastime of mine is stripping old TV sets and using the components for
home-
> built transmitters.*

Again, it appears that you only build simple transmitter strips ...
now that's fine, but without a receiver you're sort of wasting
your time, right?

As has been pointed out, receivers are generally more tricky
than simple CW transmitters ... however, just as it's no big leap
to go from an OOK Morse tx to an FSK tx and pick up at least
6 dB of improvement in the process, it's not a huge leap to go from
a receiver that's capable of receiving OOK Morse to one that's
capable of demodulating a bit stream from that FSK signal, either.

I find it very difficult to understand why you beepers maintain that
there's such a huge advantage in "maintaining the simplicity of CW"
when the simplicity is virtually nonexistant relative to much better
methods ... the only difference of any *real* significance is that
beepers insist on keeping a part of the signal processing in one's
head, instead of relegating such menial chores to a simple machine
that can do a much better job ...

> >Can you maintain and repair it?
>
> Since I built them from scratch I can certainly maintain and repair them.

In this respect, I have to "give the devil his due" and admit that you're head
and shoulders above Mr. "Put it in a box and send it back to Yaesu" (Mike D.)

> >Do you understand all the logic operating within the case?
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> Most of them don't have a case - just an open chassis. Great conversation
> pieces! Heck, some are mounted on pieces of wood with copper tacks as
> solder joints. When I get on the air the other op can't tell if it's
> one of your microprocessor-controlled rigs or a breadboard rig (except
> the VFO does a little jump if you cough too hard on it).

So there's essentially no shielding and the oscillator is a tad microphonic.
As the "Church Lady" (of Saturday Night Live fame) would have said, "Well isn't *that* _special_."

I guess that's to be expected when one insists on such "low tech" methods
(hint ... the poor connections that likely result from "copper tacks as solder
joints" can be a significant source of non-linear distortion, and may cause
interference problems ... beware)

It is a bit sad and discouraging, however, that you insist on proliferating
such marginal techniques to newcomers who don't know any better when
you tell them (and it appears that *you* sincerely believe your own falsehoods)
that "this is great stuff!"

Carl - wa6vse
carl@ais.net

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141. Re: WTB: Icom IC 706

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org>
Message-ID: <33305CAA.4F14@rollanet.org>
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sean wrote:
>
> I am looking for a used Icom IC706 for a resonable price. If you have one
> or know someone who does that wants to sell please let me know.
>
i have one myself and probably would never sell it. great mobile radio
for my usess. hope you can find someone willing to part with their's.
;-)

--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF

mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

142. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc34c6$3b3db500$12f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2831
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Why not let those who like CW keep it.

A CW class ticket would permit the operator to work CW in the CW parts of the bands.

A no code ticket would not permit use of the CW portion ot the bands.

This really seems fair to me, but then who am I?

Is it true that during disasters thr FCC is asked to permit voice operation in the CW portions of the bands?

William Lee N5WRX

143. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5gqbeg$ccu@masters0.InterNex.Net>
Source record: 2832
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc34c6$3b3db500$12f431cf@william-lee>,
"William Lee" <willee@inwave.com> wrote:
>
>Why not let those who like CW keep it.

Seems reasonable to me.

>A CW class ticket would permit the operator to work CW in the CW parts of
>the bands.
>
>A no code ticket would not permit use of the CW portion ot the bands.
>
>This really seems fair to me, but then who am I?

It would be an improvement on the current system, but the restriction itself seems unnecessary. If only CW operation is permitted in a subband, then you have to know Morse Code to operate there. The only purpose a test would serve would be to keep slow-coders from operating CW.

144. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: cbrown@emry.net
Message-ID: <E7BnsI.13v@eskimo.com>
Source record: 2833
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

CW is a part of ham radio and should always be. I know it kept me
from getting into the hobbie for most of my life because I didn't
think I could learn code, but if the truth be known, I was probably
like 99% of the people who are for no-code---lazy. Once I made up my
mind to work at learning code it was surprisingly easier than I
thought, but it did take determination to keep at it every night if
for only a few minutes. Well, I started this quest in March of 1991
and by November I had my Extra ticket. If I can do it anyone can. It
had an extra benifit, because when I decided to learn to fly I
discovered that each airport has a three letter identifying beacon and
it's in morse code; my instructor was impressed. KG7TV
Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org> wrote:

>> > For the record, I am a ham & got my ticket long before no-code, so I'm
>> > not playing sour grapes here.
>> >
>> > No biggie. Just my opinion.
>> >
>> > Charlie
>>
>> Well said, Charlie! Now get ready to duck when the pro-coders hurl
>> insults, flames, and all sorts of vilifications at you.
>>
>hmmm. i seem to recall that i responded as a pro-code to his post
>without any of the above stated negatives. read back a few, you make
>yourself sound close-minded which is what you are trying to imply about
>pro-coders below. \/
>
>> Please don't give up, though ... keep voicing your opinion and try to
>> corner your local CW olde fartz and convince them ... you'll fail to reach
>> most, because they're incapable of flexibility and rational thinking on
>> the subject, but occasionally you'll gain a convert and that's worth the
>> effort.
>>
>now that paragraph is a flame. you warn that procoders are 'going' to
>do
>what you have already done. cw is not my preferred mode of
>communicating
>but i do feel it is and will always be an integral part of
>communications.
>the no-code ticket did alot to open ham radio to those not interested in
>cw.
>many delve into the code and upgrade because their club displays a

>positive
>attitude toward the code and the incentive idea. rather than treating
>it
>as an impossible obstacle, it's shown to be a fun and still useful part
>of
>radio. there is a way thru the code! i'm 29 and went from no ticket to
>general class at one test session with 10 days to learn the code. i did
>it
>because i really, really, wanted it! so i did what was required to
>reach it.
>if the code is gone when i go to get my adv/extra ticket that is
>wonderful,
>if not, then i will be ready for it.
>--
>A.C.Curtis
>KB0WLF
>Missouri's multicast repeater: 6m, 70cm, *10m, *ATV
>mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
>http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

145. Re: WTB: Icom IC 706

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Steve <sllb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <01bc35a8$b8cf4320$1ff12399@default>
Source record: 2834
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.ssb,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org> wrote in article
<33305CAA.4F14@rollanet.org>...
> sean wrote:
> >
> > I am looking for a used Icom IC706 for a resonable price. If you have
one
> > or know someone who does that wants to sell please let me know.
> >
> i have one myself and probably would never sell it. great mobile radio
> for my usess. hope you can find someone willing to part with their's.
> ;-)
>
> --
> A.C.Curtis
> KB0WLF
> Is this guy kidding?? Theres several 706s for sale every week on here!!
> mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
> http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/
>
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146. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Evil Burrito <burrito@mc.net>
Message-ID: <33327A55.2E4F@mc.net>
Source record: 2835
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

I just happened to be passing by, and noticed this thread... Permit me (an old ex-ham) to share my one thought with you guys...

I happened upon a recent vintage ham a little while ago, who proudly showed me his hand held two meter transciever; punching all the neat little buttons... explaining about how he could punch up the repeater and dial up a sattelite, and all sorts of wonderful stuff I didn't really feel too interested in... He did this for me because I had told him that I had been a ham...

So, whatta 'ya think? he asked.

I told him that it all resembled a cell phone, was my reply.

Where's the magic, anymore? Where's the thrill of hassling with a drifting receiver and a cranky transmitter.... Where's the challenge of trying to sort out a weak cw signal from Portugal, beneath all the clutter of 50 other guys, all trying to butt in, or whatever else they're doing? Where's the pride in having your own fist, or being able to recognise a buddy's... without hearing his call sign???

No smell of hot phenolic and wax capacitors. or the trhill of late nights, illuminated by the dim purple glow of my old final amps, pulsing to the rythym of my unspoken words...

Nah, I couldn't get too interested in this new stuff... there's just not enough romance in it for me...

Thanks for listening, anyway...

K9WVQ, ret.

147. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: lar01@sprynet.com
Message-ID: <3335a202.25772406@news.sprynet.com>
Source record: 2836
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On 20 Mar 1997 00:38:09 GMT, "William Lee" <willee@inwave.com> wrote:

>
>Why not let those who like CW keep it.
>
>A CW class ticket would permit the operator to work CW in the CW parts of
>the bands.
>
>A no code ticket would not permit use of the CW portion ot the bands.
>
>This really seems fair to me, but then who am I?
>
>Is it true that during disasters thr FCC is asked to permit voice operation
>in the CW portions of the bands?
>
>William Lee N5WRX
I hear where you are coming from, but, who is going to volunteer to
learn the mose code.
People don't, usually, appreciate the value behind learning the morse
code until they have used it for some time.
I haven't used the code since the mid 70's yet I praise the day I
started learning it. During the time I did use it, it served me very
well.
Larry ve3fxq

148. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc37bd$06503e40$97c1e1ce@carl.ais.net>
Source record: 2837
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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larry <lar01@sprynet.com> wrote in article
<3335a202.25772406@news.sprynet.com>...
> I hear where you are coming from, but, who is going to volunteer to
> learn the mose code.

Very few, but that's not a reason to force everyone ...

> People don't, usually, appreciate the value behind learning the morse
> code until they have used it for some time.

Most of us who did invest large amounts of time and effort learning
the code, still do not see any value ... even many who actually
profess that they regularly use and enjoy Morse, feel that forcing
it on everyone is a bad idea, given the state of ham radio and
the technical situation relative to today's *real* world.

> I haven't used the code since the mid 70's yet I praise the day I
> started learning it.

So, by God, everybody has to learn it because *you* think it was
a good thing for you?

Sounds much more like "I had to do it, so so do you!"

During the time I did use it, it served me very well.

During the time I used it, code never served me very well.
It was slow, inefficient, frustrating, and very limiting ... not
something I wanted to continue to use.

Now I know that some pro-code zealot will come along
and try to throw out a bunch of insults, saying that "I was
too lazy to learn the code right" or something, but I don't
carl ... that's all just a pile of crap. There is NO valid reason
in today's world to force everyone to learn Morse in order
to gain access to totally unrelated HF priveleges ... therefore
it's nothing more than a hazing ritual and goverment licensing
schemes should not be centered around the maintenance
of the hazing rituals prescribed by the Archaic Retro Radio
Luddites.

Carl - wa6vse
carl@ais.net

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149. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5h4k1l$je5@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2838
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc37bd$06503e40$97c1e1ce@carl.ais.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <carl@ais.net> wrote:

>> People don't, usually, appreciate the value behind learning the morse
>> code until they have used it for some time.
>
>Most of us who did invest large amounts of time and effort learning
>the code, still do not see any value

Ah, so now the truth starts to shine its ugly head.

Carl invested "large amounts of time and effort learning the code".

Yet, Carl is a 5WPM, coded tech.

Thus, we now know why Carl never upgraded. Code doesn't come
easily to him. It requires a great deal of effort for him to
learn.

So, rather than put the effort in, Carl has remained a coded
tech for 20+ years.

Now, he wants to eliminate the code so he can "upgrade". In
other words, its that typical welfare-state mentality. Carl
wants something for nothing.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

150. FS 10 ohm Mil spec / 55 watt resistors (65 cents each)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: Allen Tucholski <allent@en.com>
Message-ID: <3335F439.20F7@en.com>
Source record: 2839
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

Hello all,

I have large inventory of (NEW) TRW Type FRW -22 Flat wire wound 10 ohm resistors @ 55watts.
These resistors are 3.5 inches long, 1 inch wide, 1/4 inch thick. They mount in the horizontal position using
the pre assembled shaft thru the middle and standoffs that accept two #8 or #10 screws.
The resistor mounts 1/2 inch above the chassis.
These are Mil spec vitreous enameled units of very high quality.
Put them in series or parallel for many applications.

65 cents each, plus a small fee for shipping via US mail.

Let me know how many you need.

Allen

151. Re: FS 10 ohm Mil spec / 55 watt resistors (65 cents each)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: William W Janssen <billj@9calweb.com>
Message-ID: <5h6bo7jtf1@news.calweb.com>
Source record: 2840
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

Try posting this in the "metalworking newsgroup" they might be useable for the builders of electric discharge machining devices.

Bill K7NOM

152. Ham Radio Discussion List

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Kaspar Pritchett <nobody@methane.ml.org>
Message-ID: <33374079.7F22@methane.ml.org>
Source record: 2841
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc

A new -moderated- ham radio discussion e-mail list has been formed.
If you are interested in subscribing, send e-mail to
"ks4os.qso@bigfoot.com" with nothing but the word "subscribe" in the
SUBJECT line. (Not the body, as opposed to mailing lists on
listservers.)

This list will forward no personal insults, advertisements, off-topic
comments, or profanity.

153. Analog (Voice) Satellite Frequencies FAQ

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: ve7vdx@dowco.com
Message-ID: <ve7vdx-2403972146250001@cqtlm-ppp075.dowco.com>
Source record: 2842
Cross-posted to: aus.radio.amateur.misc,uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.ham-radio

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Amateur Analog (Voice) Satellite Frequencies as of March 24, 1997
-----------------------------------------------------------------
Name Mode(s) Frequencies Beacon(s)

AO-10 B Uplink 435.030 - 435.180 CW/LSB
Downlink 145.975 - 145.825 CW/USB 145.810 CW

RS-10/11 A Uplink 145.865 - 145.905 CW/USB
Downlink 29.360 - 29.400 CW/USB 29.357 CW

RS-12/13 KT Uplink 21.210 - 21.250 CW/USB
K Downlink 29.410 - 29.450 CW/USB 29.408 CW
T Downlink 145.910 - 145.950 CW/USB 145.908 CW

RS-15* A Uplink 145.858 - 145.898 CW/USB
Downlink 29.354 - 29.394 CW/USB 29.3525 CW 29.3987 CW

RS-16* A Uplink 145.915 - 145.948 CW/USB 435.504 CW 435.548 CW
Downlink 29.415 - 29.448 CW/USB 29.408 CW 29.451 CW

FO-20 JA Uplink 146.000 - 145.900 CW/LSB
Downlink 435.800 - 435.900 CW/USB 435.795 CW

AO-27 J-FM* Uplink 145.850 FM
Downlink 436.800 FM

FO-29* JA Uplink 146.000 - 145.900 CW/LSB
Downlink 435.800 - 435.900 CW/USB 435.795 CW

MIR Simplex Uplink 145.200 FM
Downlink 145.800 FM

SAFEX Repeater (Mir)
Uplink 435.750 FM subaudible tone 141.3
Downlink 437.950 FM

SAREX Simplex (Space Shuttle)*
Uplink 144.910, 144.93, 144.95 144.97 or 144.99 FM
(Europe Only) Uplink 144.70, 144.75, or 144.80 MHz
(Worldwide) Downlink 145.55 FM

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* Radio Sport-15 has battery chargeing problems therefore the transponder
and beacon are silent when the satellite is in darkness.

* Radio Sport-16 currently has it's Mode A transponder turned off. The
ground controlers seem to be experimenting with the various beacons,
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therefore it is difficult to predict which will be on, 29.408 seems to be on most passes.

* Please note Amsat Oscar-27 has a very sensitive receiver, I have routinely uplinked to it with a handheld on low power. On the other hand reception of the 70cm downlink signal is more difficult without a directional antenna most of the time. Therefore it is important to make sure that you can hear the satellite downlink before you transmit therefor avoiding interfering with others already on this one channel satellite repeater.

* Fuji-Oscar 20 can also be used in mode JD (D meaning Digital), at time of writing this satellite was reported to be in Analog mode.

* Fuji-Oscar 29 can also be used in mode JD (D meaning Digital), at time of writing this satellite was reported to be in Analog mode until March 21.

* STS-83 is scheduled to launch on April 3rd, 1997 at approximately 2:01 p.m. EST (1901 UTC). The launch window is 2 hours 30 minutes long. STS-83 will include a SAREX package.

CALL SIGNS:

James D. Halsell, Commander, KC5RNI
Janice E. Voss, Payload Commander, KC5BTK
Donald A. Thomas, Mission Specialist, KC5FVF

QSLs: Send reports and QSLs to ARRL EAD, STS-83 QSL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494, USA. Include the following information in your QSL or report: STS-83, date, time in UTC, frequency and mode (FM, voice or packet). In addition, you must also include a SASE using a large, business-sized envelope if you wish to receive a card.

This FAQ is constantly being updated and re-released on a weekly basis on or about Monday. Any constructive suggestions are always welcome.

- errors or omissions to ve7vdx@dowco.com

154. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" was a "service"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bill Newkirk <wnewkirk@iu.net>
Message-ID: <33374107.790@iu.net>
Source record: 2843
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Charlie Brown wrote:
>
> CW is a part of ham radio and should always be. I know it

that's not a good reason for a test requirement. CW was always part
of the marine radio or military radio or commercial radio at one time
or another and yet it's been supplanted by other systems.

after all, you used to have to call an operator to place a call. today
you dial direct. why not go back to the days of cord boards and "number,
please?"...after all it's part of the history of the telephone system.

155. Re: WTB: AR3000a

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: allent@pop.sonic.net
Message-ID: <333b38f3.8759225@news.sonic.net>
Source record: 2844
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur

On 23 Mar 1997 23:52:47 GMT, "Sean" <sdharris@sprintmail.com> wrote:

>Looking for used Ar3000a for reasonable price. Thanks
>
Sean I'm curious as to what you consider to be a reasonable price?
Regards,
Allen
>Sean
>sdharris@sprintmail.com

156. Re: WTB: AR3000a

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: "James C. Allison" <allison@livingston.net>
Message-ID: <3339A234.6E70@livingston.net>
Source record: 2845
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur

Allen wrote:
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> On 23 Mar 1997 23:52:47 GMT, "Sean" <sdharris@sprintmail.com> wrote:
>
> >Looking for used Ar3000a for reasonable price. Thanks
> >
> Sean I'm curious as to what you consider to be a reasonable price?
> Regards,
> Allen
> >Sean
> >sdharris@sprintmail.com
Dear Allen, and all the other readers of this news group
I am not a regular subscriber to this news group. Rather I am a
researcher who searches for obscure information from sources that are
not official in order to find out what the reality of a situation is.
Many times what is offered as information from sources that have a stake
in what is being expostulated is heavily slanted pro for their side con
for the opposition. It is my function to discern what it real.
Just on the chance that you might know (and what leads me to believe
that this might work is the fact that Sean mentioned an AR 3000a and you
responded as if you knew what that was), what is a

Model GMRS-210+3
UHF Model Two-Way Radio?

I know this is meagre, but it's all I have except on the same page (that
came on my FAX) that has the above model number are the following model
numbers:

Model GMRS-10
UHF Two-Way Radio

Model GMRS21-A
UHF Two-Way Radio

There is also hand written line on the page that says Comtell
Electronics.

What I am trying to find out is: Who makes these radios? Is it Comtell
Electronics? What are a radios like this worth? Are they state of the
art?

Any information would be appreciated.

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Hang in there!
Regards and sincere best wishes
AllisonWonderland

CHECK OUT THE WEBPAGE AT
http://www.livingston.net/allison/home.htm
Comments welcome.

157. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: Kurt Bilinski <Kurt.Bilinski@gat.com>
Message-ID: <5hc4ig$lno@rosebud.sdsc.edu>
Source record: 2846
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Children please,

One side whines that CW is slow and inefficient. Going along with that mentality, people who use CW talk (slowly) about nothing except, what, how big their antenna is, what their power amp rating is, and what far off station they just talked to.

Now the other side...

With the latest digital techniques, what are we up to, about 20kbaud? And what do you guys discuss that necessitates this high speed throughput? Nothing. Sorry, not quite true, there's how big the antenna is, what the power amp rating is, and what far off station was just contacted. Only difference is you run out of things to talk about much faster...

As soon as the satallite phone system is in place, you digital guys will sell your ham equipment, right? I mean, you want the very latest in maximum data throughput. No one wants to settle for that "old technology", right?

Give it a rest, it's a hobby. Each of you imply you're somehow better then the other. The joke is, people outside this hobby view each of you as the _same_; geeks!

Feeling defensive? Thinking "I don't care what other people think?"

Really? Then let other people use CW or digital, or whatever they want.

Like a bunch of spoiled children,

WB6DSW

158. Re: New 6 metre web site!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ed Loranger <USE_MY@Sig.Address.pse>
Message-ID: <333AF242.4452@Sig.Address.pse>
Source record: 2847
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,uk.radio.amateur

Looks like you are doing the "Work the Web"
phrase justice. I too am trying to provide
substance to my web page. Look for me
on www.qsl.net too! (See below).

Note:: Anti-Spam address used above.
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72/73 de WE6W QRP .3W QSX 7040 KHz SK ee
mailto:we6w@qsl.net
http://www.qsl.net/we6w

159. MAIL A BOMB TO A SHITSTATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: ??? <wessel@radio538.nl>
Message-ID: <01bc3b6c$c8acb600$LocalHost@nilsje>
Source record: 2848
Cross-posted to: hh.hamradio,nl.media.radio,nl.radio.amateur,no.alt.radio-tv.irma-1000,no.radio-tv,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boat anchor

A COMERCIAL SHIT STATION DETECTED !!!!!!!
MAIL A BOMB TO THEM !!!!!!!!!!
niels@radio538.nl
top538@radio538.nl
wessel@radio538.nl

160. MAIL A BOMB TO A SHITSTATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: ??? <wessel@radio538.nl>
Message-ID: <01bc3b6c$a79ca920$LocalHost@nilsje>
Source record: 2849
Cross-posted to: hh.hamradio,nl.media.radio,nl.radio.amateur,no.alt.radio-tv.irma-1000,no.radio-tv,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boat anchor

A COMERCIAL SHIT STATION DETECTED !!!!!!!
MAIL A BOMB TO THEM !!!!!!!!!!
niels@radio538.nl
top538@radio538.nl
wessel@radio538.nl

161. MAIL A BOMB TO A SHITSTATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: ??? <wessel@radio538.nl>
Message-ID: <01bc3b6c$b77d9a20$LocalHost@nilsje>
Source record: 2850
Cross-posted to: hh.hamradio,nl.media.radio,nl.radio.amateur,no.alt.radio-tv.irma-1000,no.radio-tv,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boat anchor

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wessel@radio538.nl

162. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5hhore$52e@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2851
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <333C5120.3EB2@ameritech.net>,
Todd Little <little@ameritech.net> wrote:

>amateurs
>are led to believe that manual OOK Morse Code is the "be all, end all"
>with respect to reliability, weak signal performance, simplicity,
>etc.

Maybe not in terms of all modes available to amateurs, no, it isn't.
However, in terms of the most popular modes that amateurs use (FM,
SSB, CW) it certainly is.

>That's all many of us are trying to promote. If the Morse ops want
>to use and require Morse proficiency, then let them have it in their
>exclusive bands. On the other hand, let those that wish to use
>other modes also do likewise without bowing to the Morse God.

I like the idea of mode-based testing. You want CW, take a CW test.
You want SSB, take a SSB test. And so on. Unfortunately the no-code
contingent consistantly calls this "too complicated". Their ultimate
goal is no-code, no-theory. The ultimate in uncomplicated licensing.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

163. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Todd Little <little@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <333C5120.3EB2@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2852
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Kurt Bilinski wrote:
>
> Children please,
>...
> Give it a rest, it's a hobby. Each of you imply you're somehow better
> then the other. The joke is, people outside this hobby view each of you
> as the _same_; geeks!

I don't know that it is a question of better or not. I'm usually
interested in busting "Morse Myth" (tm) that seem to be promoted here
on a regular basis. Unfortunately due to tradition, outdated
training material, and a bias in the licensing system, amateurs
are led to believe that manual OOK Morse Code is the "be all, end all"
with respect to reliability, weak signal performance, simplicity,
etc. That most of the that is either untrue or of little consequence,
matters not a whit to those trying to maintain the status quo.

> Feeling defensive? Thinking "I don't care what other people think?"
>
> Really? Then let other people use CW or digital, or whatever they want.

That's all many of us are trying to promote. If the Morse ops want
to use and require Morse proficiency, then let them have it in their
exclusive bands. On the other hand, let those that wish to use
other modes also do likewise without bowing to the Morse God.

> Like a bunch of spoiled children,

Who's "spoiled"? Those that are "with" or those that are "without"?

73,
Todd
N9MWB

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Unsolicited business offers sent to my e-mail address will be
considered a request for me to proofread the offer and in
turn reimburse me $500 for my time and effort for each offer
received.

164. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc3bdb$71fcc9c0$81f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2853
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

As a general class amateur I have taken and passed the 13 wpm cw test.
However, if my radio quit working on the cw bands I would never know it.
Why was I required to pass a cw test knowing that I did not like it or
would ever use it?
I do not know the answer. I did it because I wanted the general class
ticket.
And if you think it was easy for me, think again.
I do not feel that I am any better than any other class operator because of
it.
Radio is radio and I say welcome to all who enjoy it as a hobby.

If that sounds like spoiled whining then all I can say is .... whaaaa
whaaaaa.
I got mine.....

William Lee N5WRX ..... was KB8DWQ and WD5CQS

165. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5hi305$fh6@dfw-ixnews6.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2854
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5hhore$52e@anomaly.ideamation.com> kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
(Michael P. Deignan) writes:
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>In article <333C5120.3EB2@ameritech.net>,
> Todd Little <little@ameritech.net> wrote:
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>However, in terms of the most popular modes that amateurs use (FM,
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>contingent consistantly calls this "too complicated". Their ultimate
>goal is no-code, no-theory. The ultimate in uncomplicated licensing.

Michael,

Your comments here remind me of the accusation you leveled at me the
other day. You seem the be pulling "facts" out of thin air. You speak
to others' motivation and goals, sorry Michael, you can't know our
minds. You make these rash statements despite the fact that the anti
code test crowd has repeatedly and vigorisly denied what you claim is
true.

Are we to believe you, and assume that all the folks who post here who
do not believe that amateur radio is served by the code test, are
liars.

I believe that the folks who would end the code test are honorable and
you defame them with this broad brush accusation. An apology would be
nice; and quite a surprise.

Jerry
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>MD
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>-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
>-- with my guns.
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166. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc3c69$5bf75620$afc1e1ce@carl.ais.net>
Source record: 2855
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote in article
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> contingent consistantly calls this "too complicated". Their ultimate
> goal is no-code, no-theory. The ultimate in uncomplicated licensing.

Mike, that's an outright lie ... and you damned well know it!

We no-code-test advocates have VERY consistently voiced a belief
that the written tests should be made more meaningful and relevant
and the wrote memorization of answers to the theory parts should be
eliminated (band limits and other rules things are simple memorization
for everyone, but people shouldn't be able to get a license without truly
understanding the technical parts)

In fact, it's been the pro-coders (you included, I believe, though I
haven't
checked the archives) who keep saying "eliminate the code, eliminate
the theory, we're all appliance operators anyway ..."

I know you have some very slanted views on the code/no-code
issue, and believe it or not I believe that you're entitled to hold
those views even though think they're ridiculous and oppose them
... but please try to refrain from outright lies in your zeal to
forward the pro-code position ...

Carl - wa6vse
carl@ais.net

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167. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc3c69$f7de39a0$afc1e1ce@carl.ais.net>
Source record: 2856
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Gerald Schmitt <kc5egg@ix.netcom.com> wrote in article
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> other day. You seem the be pulling "facts" out of thin air. You speak
> to others' motivation and goals, sorry Michael, you can't know our
> minds. You make these rash statements despite the fact that the anti
> code test crowd has repeatedly and vigorisly denied what you claim is
> true.

I called him on this lie, too ... I don't believe that this was an
"innocent
mistake" on MD's part ... I don't think he cares how far the truth is
violated
in the course of furthering his pro-code rantings ...

> Are we to believe you, and assume that all the folks who post here who
> do not believe that amateur radio is served by the code test, are
> liars.
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> I believe that the folks who would end the code test are honorable and
> you defame them with this broad brush accusation. An apology would be
> nice; and quite a surprise.

Please don't hold your breath, Jerry ...

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carl@ais.net

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168. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Todd Little <little@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <333E10CE.44A5@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2857
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
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> >amateurs
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> Maybe not in terms of all modes available to amateurs, no, it isn't.
> However, in terms of the most popular modes that amateurs use (FM,
> SSB, CW) it certainly is.

Many (most) don't qualify their stances because they believe themselves
to be correct under all conditions. I'd wager that 50% of all amateurs
believe it to be impossible to copy a signal that they can't detect
much less copy by ear.

> I like the idea of mode-based testing. You want CW, take a CW test.
> You want SSB, take a SSB test. And so on. Unfortunately the no-code
> contingent consistantly calls this "too complicated". Their ultimate
> goal is no-code, no-theory. The ultimate in uncomplicated licensing.

I have heard few claim that it is "too complicated", although it would
make our licensing structure even more arcane than it already is. What
purpose would mode specific testing serve? Is an inept RTTY operator
going to cause any significant harm to anyone else? For that matter,
as I've asked before, what harm does someone with a lousy fist or
poor copying skills cause by utilizing OOK Morse Code?

73,
Todd
N9MWB

PS Please follow up to rec.radio.amateur.policy where this belongs.

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Unsolicited business offers sent to my e-mail address will be
considered a request for me to proofread the offer and in
turn reimburse me $500 for my time and effort for each offer
received.

169. Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Peter A. Forkes" <pforkes@pobox.com>
Message-ID: <333F33FA.154E@pobox.com>
Source record: 2858
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I'm looking for an aerial for the scanner in my car. Rdaio Shack do a magnetic mount aerial, but I'd rather have one that I can mount on the side/hood of my car (frankly, I don't want to add another 3 feet to the hight of my car).

Anyway, I'd like to hear from anyone who can either tell me of an alternative aerial or can give mt the name and address/phone number/e-mail address of a company who make such aerials.

Thanks,

Peter

170. QUICKIE ANTENNA was: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-03-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: doc@NOSPAMdxnet.com
Message-ID: <3341fbdb.4495446@news.dxnet.com>
Source record: 2859
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Try this:

Get a rigid plate of metal or tin. Drill a hole in the plate to mount
your antenna. Bend the plate so you can roll the window up from the
bottom of the bend!

Coax feeds into the window to the left or right of the plate.
Important! DON'T crush the coax!

You may wish to hot glue two short lengths of coax jacket on the
plate edge, at the bends to allow more area for the coax between the
window and the window channel. Slice the jacket like a hot dog bun to
fit.

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* * {metal plate,

******* ********* **** Side View}

(hole) (bend for Window)

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* O | | | * {Top View}
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Enjoy!
Doc,
WA6IGJ

On Sun, 30 Mar 1997 22:48:10 -0500, "Peter A. Forkes"
<pforkes@pobox.com> wrote:

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>magnetic mount aerial, but I'd rather have one that I can mount on the
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>hight of my car).
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171. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: markv@pixar.com
Message-ID: <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com>
Source record: 2720
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>You want SSB, take a SSB test. And so on. Unfortunately the no-code
>contingent consistantly calls this "too complicated". Their ultimate
>goal is no-code, no-theory. The ultimate in uncomplicated licensing.

sigh I wish I knew why people believed this. I have yet to read
or hear a single argument which suggests a theory exam is not needed
for radio amateurs. Nobody believes that.

There is a very simple reason for eliminating the code requirement:

Testing is not required for any other operational mode.

Hams seem to fear that everyone in the universe will want to join their
ranks unless they introduce large barriers to entry into the hobby. Catch a
clue people, there are already no-license hi-tech digital hand-held radios,
they are called cell phones. They are convenient, available, and relatively
cheap for large numbers of people. There is already no-license hi-tech
packet at data rates substantially higher than the vast majority of packet
radio, its called "the Internet".

One can get side tracked into all the issues of why CW is a good mode:

1) equipment is relatively cheap and simple to design and build
2) there is a long standing tradition of CW
3) it gets through where SSB and AM can't.
4) it is fun!

which are certainly all true, but none of which are particularly compelling
to require MANDATORY operational testing. If I choose not to use Morse,
then so be it. I should not be forced to demonstrate a skill which I have
no interest in developing.

Mark
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Mark T. VandeWettering Telescope Information (and more)
Email: <markv@pixar.com> http://webspace.com/markv/
<markv@webspace.com> Clear Skies!

172. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5hsesu$2s2@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2721
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com>, Mark VandeWettering <markv@pixar.com> wrote:

>There is a very simple reason for eliminating the code requirement:
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> Testing is not required for any other operational mode.

That is irrelevant. There should be operational testing of some sort for
full privileges in other modes.

>Hams seem to fear that everyone in the universe will want to join their
>ranks unless they introduce large barriers to entry into the hobby.

If you changed the word "everyone" to "technically unqualified", you'd
hit the nail on the head.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

173. Amateur CW/Voice Satellite Frequencies FAQ

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: ve7vdx@dowco.com
Message-ID: <ve7vdx-0104971714140001@cqtlm-ppp060.dowco.com>
Source record: 2722
Cross-posted to: aus.radio.amateur.misc,uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.ham-radio

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Amateur CW/Voice Satellite Frequencies as of April 1, 1997.
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Name Mode(s) Frequencies Beacon(s)

AO-10 B Uplink 435.030 - 435.180 CW/LSB
Downlink 145.975 - 145.825 CW/USB 145.810 CW

RS-10/11 A Uplink 145.865 - 145.905 CW/USB
Downlink 29.360 - 29.400 CW/USB 29.357 CW

RS-12/13 KT Uplink 21.210 - 21.250 CW/USB
K Downlink 29.410 - 29.450 CW/USB 29.408 CW
T Downlink 145.910 - 145.950 CW/USB 145.908 CW

RS-15* A Uplink 145.858 - 145.898 CW/USB
Downlink 29.354 - 29.394 CW/USB 29.3525 CW 29.3987 CW

RS-16* A Uplink 145.915 - 145.948 CW/USB 435.504 CW 435.548 CW
Downlink 29.415 - 29.448 CW/USB 29.408 CW 29.451 CW

FO-20 JA Uplink 146.000 - 145.900 CW/LSB
Downlink 435.800 - 435.900 CW/USB 435.795 CW

AO-27 J-FM* Uplink 145.850 FM
Downlink 436.800 FM

FO-29* JA Uplink 146.000 - 145.900 CW/LSB
Downlink 435.800 - 435.900 CW/USB 435.795 CW

MIR Simplex Uplink 145.200 FM
Downlink 145.800 FM

SAFEX Repeater (Mir)
Uplink 435.750 FM subaudible tone 141.3
Downlink 437.950 FM

SAREX Simplex (Space Shuttle)*
Uplink 144.910, 144.93, 144.95 144.97 or 144.99 FM
(Europe Only) Uplink 144.70, 144.75, or 144.80 MHz
(Worldwide) Downlink 145.55 FM

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* Radio Sport-15 has battery chargeing problems therefore the transponder
and beacon are silent when the satellite is in darkness.

* Radio Sport-16 currently has it's Mode A transponder turned off. The
ground controlers seem to be experimenting with the various beacons,
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therefore it is difficult to predict which will be on.

* Please note Amsat Oscar-27 has a very sensitive receiver, I have routinely uplinked to it with a handheld on low power. On the other hand reception of the 70cm downlink signal is more difficult without a directional antenna most of the time. Therefore it is important to make sure that you can hear the satellite downlink before you transmit therefor avoiding interfering with others already on this one channel satellite repeater.

* Fuji-Oscar 20 can also be used in mode JD (D meaning Digital), at time of writing this satellite was reported to be in Analog mode until further notice.

* Fuji-Oscar 29 can also be used in mode JD (D meaning Digital), at time of writing this satellite was reported to be in Digital mode until April 4. Here is the latest schedule:

Apr. 1(Tue) 00:28z JD 9600bps
4(Fri) 01:14z JA
11(Fri) 10:16z JD 1200bps
18(Fri) 00:46z JD 9600bps
25(Fri) 01:24z JA
May 2(Fri) 10:26z JD 1200bps
9(Fri) 00:57z JD 9600bps
16(Fri) 01:35z JA
23(Fri) 00:29z JD 1200bps
30(Fri) 01:07z JD 9600bps

* STS-83 is scheduled to launch on April 3rd, 1997 at approximately 2:01 p.m. EST (1901 UTC). The launch window is 2 hours 30 minutes long. STS-83 will include a SAREX package.

CALL SIGNS:

James D. Halsell, Commander, KC5RNI
Janice E. Voss, Payload Commander, KC5BTK
Donald A. Thomas, Mission Specialist, KC5FVF

QSLs: Send reports and QSLs to ARRL EAD, STS-83 QSL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494, USA. Include the following information in your QSL or report: STS-83, date, time in UTC, frequency and mode (FM, voice or packet). In addition, you must also include a SASE using a large, business-sized envelope if you wish to receive a card.

This FAQ is constantly being updated and re-released on a weekly basis on or about Monday. Any constructive suggestions are always welcome.

The latest update of this list may be found at these locations:

Web.....http://www.umecut.maine.edu/~baack/satellite1.html
Newsgroup...rec.radio.amateur.space
...rec.ham-radio
...uk.radio.amateur

...aus.radio.amateur.misc
Mail List...amsat-bb@amsat.org Mailist

- errors or omissions to ve7vdx@dowco.com

174. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <334291C2.3019@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2723
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
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> That is irrelevant. There should be operational testing of some sort for
> full privileges in other modes.
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It certainly is a relevant question when there is no compelling need for
such testing... or does Deignan believe in testing for testing's sake?

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> >ranks unless they introduce large barriers to entry into the hobby.
>
> If you changed the word "everyone" to "technically unqualified", you'd
> hit the nail on the head.
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So how does Morse code testing, or mode testing for that matter, make one
"technically qualified"? Since it doesn't, there is no need for mode
testing.
> MD
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> -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> -- with my guns.
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> -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

175. Re: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Eric <ec222@iscweb.com>
Message-ID: <33428E21.32DD@iscweb.com>
Source record: 2724
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Peter A. Forkes wrote:
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> I'm looking for an aerial for the scanner in my car. Rdaio Shack do a
> magnetic mount aerial, but I'd rather have one that I can mount on the
> side/hood of my car (frankly, I don't want to add another 3 feet to the
> hight of my car).
>
> Anyway, I'd like to hear from anyone who can either tell me of an
> alternative aerial or can give mt the name and address/phone
> number/e-mail address of a company who make such aerials.
>
> Thanks,
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> Peter
Try the Radio Shack AM/FM/CB diguise antenna. I've had two on different
vehicles and I think they are great. You should replace the cable that
came with it with some good coax. I ran mine into a spliter and one
lead goes to my car radio (where reception improved dramatically!) and
the other lead to my scanner.

176. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5hugg1$31h@masters0.InterNex.Net>
Source record: 2725
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>If you changed the word "everyone" to "technically unqualified", you'd
>hit the nail on the head.

If you are worried about the "technically unqualified", then test for
technical qualifications, not Morse Code.

177. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <3342C07C.52AA@lni.net>
Source record: 2726
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> >Hams seem to fear that everyone in the universe will want to join their
> >ranks unless they introduce large barriers to entry into the hobby.

Learning CW is a "large barrier"? Please!

The truth is that people don't want to learn CW because it takes a
little time and effort and they don't want to have to do it. I know that
is why I didn't want to! But it was the requirement, so I did it. Can I
just pass on the college classes that I think are bullshit and that I'll
never use and get my degree anyway? Naw.

I don't think it's so much a barrier they are trying to put up, or a
"technically unqualified" element they are trying to keep out. CW takes
a *little* effort and time to learn and I think people in this "instant
gratification" period we live in want to talk on the radio NOW.

I think learning CW shows a minimum level of committment and
perseverance that are good qualities for people in the hobby to have.
This minimum level of commitment and perseverence I am referring to
transcends all levels of hierarchy. Poor people, rich people,
handicapped people, yes, ALL people can qualify.

I am not against "no-code"licensing nor do I look down at no-code hams,
I just think I understand why learning morse code has been a requirement
and I don't think it was a bad idea.

Take care everyone and 73.

Greg WG8N

178. Seeker Multiband Mobile Antenna

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Peter A. Forkes" <pforkes@pobox.com>
Message-ID: <3343291D.7ED2@pobox.com>
Source record: 2727
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Does anyone have any experience with a Seeker Multiband Mobile Antenna?

I'm thinking of getting one for my Radio Shack PRO-2046 scanner.

http://www.radio-ware.com/sekmm.html

Peter

179. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5hv24l$5r4@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2728
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5hugg1$31h@masters0.InterNex.Net>,
The Tie-Dyed Side of the Force <andy@tiedye.com> wrote:

>>If you changed the word "everyone" to "technically unqualified", you'd
>>hit the nail on the head.
>
>If you are worried about the "technically unqualified", then test for
>technical qualifications, not Morse Code.

I'd like to. Unfortunately, I don't think we're going to see any
changes anytime soon. So, its better to stick with what we have
then make things more lax.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

180. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu
Message-ID: <5hsj4d$rba@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Source record: 2729
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com>, Mark VandeWettering <markv@pixar.com> wrote:

>There is a very simple reason for eliminating the code requirement:
>
> Testing is not required for any other operational mode.

Easy to fix. Require skill tests for all the popular modes.

Jeff KH2PZ

181. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <33435390.462@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2730
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Rocco wrote:
>
> Did anyone ever wonder why OUR hobby is in trouble????
> Arguments like this one take place on the air everyday. I enjoy all bands
> and modes.
> For what its worth, if you like CW (as I do) then operate cw, but don't
> cram it down
> everyones jaw. Stick to what you like and don't bitch about what you don't
> like.
>
> 73
> Rocco
> WU2M
VERY sensible approach..

DON kb5FHX

182. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rocco <rocco@superior.net>
Message-ID: <01bc1ce5$256e37c0$a26099ce@roccocon>
Source record: 2731
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Arguments like this one take place on the air everyday. I enjoy all bands and modes.
For what its worth, if you like CW (as I do) then operate cw, but don't cram it down
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73
Rocco
WU2M

183. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: subich@ibm.net
Message-ID: <33433119.0@news1.ibm.net>
Source record: 2732
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In message <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com> - markv@pixar.com (Mark
VandeWettering)1 Apr 1997 19:12:15 GMT writes:
:>
:>If I choose not to use Morse, then so be it.

Fine, use it on not as you see fit.

:>I should not be forced to demonstrate a skill which I have no
:>interest in developing.

If you have no interest in developing amateur radio's most basic skill,
you have no interest in becomming a radio amateur.

:>Catch a clue people, there are already no-license hi-tech digital
:>hand-held radios, they are called cell phones. They are convenient,
:>available, and relatively cheap for large numbers of people.

That's right, there is a REASON it's called cellular telephone and not
amateur radio ... any moron can buy/lease a cellphone there is no reason
for any license/competency testing.

:>There is already no-license hi-tech packet at data rates substantially
:>higher than the vast majority of packet radio, its called "the Internet".

Correct again, Sherlock. It's the internet, primarily wireline based
and
NOT amateur radio. One need only look at much of the activity on "the
net" and know that it takes no talent, knowlege, or ability ... just a
checkbook to get on the net. Anyone believe that The Amateur Radio
Service should become just another checkbook hobby?

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<subich@ibm.net>
<subich@compuserve.com>
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184. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5hvco7$jeo@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2733
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote:

>> >Hams seem to fear that everyone in the universe will want to join their
>> >ranks unless they introduce large barriers to entry into the hobby.

>Learning CW is a "large barrier"? Please!

>The truth is that people don't want to learn CW because it takes a
>little time and effort and they don't want to have to do it. I know that
>is why I didn't want to! But it was the requirement, so I did it. Can I
>just pass on the college classes that I think are bullshit and that I'll
>never use and get my degree anyway? Naw.

College is a choice you can change. You can go to
different schools to avoid some types of required classes.
In any case, this is a government licensing requirement,
not a private entity. Simply put, the government has
an obligation to ONLY have relavent test requirements.
You don't find questions on the theory test on
vacuum tubes anymore because times have changed.
That is the position morse should be in....dropped as
a requirement because it is absolutely of no importance
to contemporary communications on HF. Use it all
you want, but the government has no role to play in
fostering continued use of a mode which has only
entertainment/enjoyment value.

>I don't think it's so much a barrier they are trying to put up, or a
>"technically unqualified" element they are trying to keep out. CW takes
>a *little* effort and time to learn and I think people in this "instant
>gratification" period we live in want to talk on the radio NOW.

The role of government testing is NOT to establish a work
ethic, sense of commitment or any other subjective quality
in an amateur. The role of government testing must be limited
t testing for a minimum set of qualifications to allow a person
to operate in the amateur bands.

>I think learning CW shows a minimum level of committment and
>perseverance that are good qualities for people in the hobby to have.
>This minimum level of commitment and perseverence I am referring to
>transcends all levels of hierarchy. Poor people, rich people,
>handicapped people, yes, ALL people can qualify.

See the above again.

>I am not against "no-code"licensing nor do I look down at no-code hams,
>I just think I understand why learning morse code has been a requirement
>and I don't think it was a bad idea.

You don't think it was a bad idea, yet you admit you don't
understand why it is a requirement. Does that make any sense at all?

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

185. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5hvd1d$jeo@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2734
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

subich@ibm.net (Joe Subich) wrote:

>In message <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com> - markv@pixar.com (Mark
>VandeWettering)1 Apr 1997 19:12:15 GMT writes:
>:>
>:>If I choose not to use Morse, then so be it.

>Fine, use it on not as you see fit.

>:>I should not be forced to demonstrate a skill which I have no
>:>interest in developing.

>If you have no interest in developing amateur radio's most basic skill,
>you have no interest in becomming a radio amateur.

Presumably this qualifies as a rephrasing of the claim that
only real hams use morse code.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

186. Re: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: phil@cafe.net
Message-ID: <33456ff6.12902600@news.direct.ca>
Source record: 2735
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 30 Mar 1997 22:48:10 -0500, "Peter A. Forkes"
<pforkes@pobox.com> wrote:

>I'm looking for an aerial for the scanner in my car. Rdaio Shack do a
>magnetic mount aerial, but I'd rather have one that I can mount on the
>side/hood of my car (frankly, I don't want to add another 3 feet to the
>hight of my car).
>
>Anyway, I'd like to hear from anyone who can either tell me of an
>alternative aerial or can give mt the name and address/phone
>number/e-mail address of a company who make such aerials.
>
>Thanks,
>
>Peter
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>

I'm using a Rad Shack unit which clips to the window glass in my door
and uses the flexible antenna outside (bnc mount) works much better
than rubber duck in car, but less effective than actual mag mount
unit. Good compromise - I live in high crime area - they'll take the
mag mount off your car while stopped at a light!

187. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5hv7af$6im@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2736
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5hsj4d$rba@news.Hawaii.Edu> jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu (Jeffrey Herman)
writes:
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>In article <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com>, Mark VandeWettering
<markv@pixar.com> wrote:
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>>There is a very simple reason for eliminating the code requirement:
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>> Testing is not required for any other operational mode.
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>Easy to fix. Require skill tests for all the popular modes.
>
>Jeff KH2PZ

Even easier to fix. Loose the code test ASAP

Jerry KK5YY

188. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <334408A3.6E92@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2737
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Jeffrey Herman wrote:
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> In article <5hrmmf$e91@pixar.com>, Mark VandeWettering <markv@pixar.com> wrote:
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> >There is a very simple reason for eliminating the code requirement:
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> > Testing is not required for any other operational mode.
>
> Easy to fix. Require skill tests for all the popular modes.
>

I think the Herman's notion that operations testing is an easy fix is much easier said than done. I would hope that he can respond to some of my concerns as follows:

It goes without saying that testing is undertaken to confirm that the individual has the necessary skill or knowledge of that subject. However, since the government's legitimate concern is the mititigation of interference is among the users of the radio frequency spectrum, Herman has failed to show that such testing would be of benefit to amateur operation in general. Since Morse code testing has utterly failed to do so, what justifies Herman's proposal to expand operational testing when Morse code has utterly failed produce the desired results? (There is no doubt that skills testing is important in the priviledges that are granted by the government, Herman has failed to show that such testing will solve certain problems in the context of amateur radio certification.) I can only conclude that Herman is unable to justify Morse code testing; yet, attempts to legitimize its existance by calling for the testing of the use of all modes. Since operational testing is useless in one mode, there is little chance that operational testing in all modes would be any less irrelevant.

Be that as it may, I would foresee a number of hurdles that the candidate would have to overcome. For example, let us presume that the operational testing for radiotelephone operation would be to communicate in that mode. Certainly, it would be odd to test an individual capability in such a skill having never been exposed to the operation of a radio. It only follows that the individual will have to practise such skills; but, the is problematical because the individual is prohibited from operating an amateur station without a licence. Thus, each prospective amateur would have to have an "elmer" to coach the individual along while practising these skills on air. What sort of accomodations would Herman recommend for those individuals who are unable to find and "elmer" for whatever reason? For that matter, I would imagine the Herman would not qualify as an "elmer", considering his disdain for digital communications (surely digital communications would be designated

as "popular" by Herman....)

Another notion that I find questionable in Herman's proposal is that operational testing is limited to only the "popular" mode. Would Herman be kind enough to inform us as to what criteria would determine which mode is "popular" and which is "unpopular"? What justifies this distinction? Is that not, like Morse code testing is now, arbitrary in nature? Would it not make more sense to test one's capabilities on those modes which are most likely to cause interference rather than on the shallow notion of its popularity? From a technical point of view, such testing is more likely for the "unpopular" modes because those are the ones that most likely are used by the real experimenters. But this points out that the "popularity" of a mode, with respect to others is irrelevant to the issue to the government's legitimate interests in managing the radio frequency spectrum. For example, as Herman has said many times, CW is the second most popular mode on the HF spectrum. However, he has never explained how the knowledge of Morse code is relative to mitigating interfering with other radio frequency spectrum users. What is seemingly forgotten by Herman is that it is the spectral purity of the emission that is of importance whereas the encoding scheme is insignifcant in so far as the legitimate concerns of the government.

Another issue that Herman fails to address is the concern of ensuring that the testing is objective, and removing, to the greatest extent possible, the subjectivity of the tester. What has to be considered is that operational testing doesn't devolve to a "pro forma" exercise and no one would fail; yet, there should be a definite criteria to measure the candidates capabilities while at the same time, extracting the tester's personal bias. The former is more likely, whereas the latter is unattainable. But anyways, Herman avoids the core question - What is to be gained by operational testing? Since there is nothing gained with Morse code testing, in so far as the government is concerned, why must it be compounded by the addition of operational testing of other modes which also irrelevant to the government's concerns? The corollary to this question is if the concern is the bad behaviour of certain individuals on the bands, Morse code testing was ineffective, what make Herman believe that expanding such operational testing would be any more effective?

I would hope that Herman would be kind enough to address these concerns.

> Jeff KH2PZ

73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

189. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: angela@unicorn.it.wsu.edu
Message-ID: <E82oy9.B6D@serval.net.wsu.edu>
Source record: 2738
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

: As a general class amateur I have taken and passed the 13 wpm cw test.
: However, if my radio quit working on the cw bands I would never know it.
: Why was I required to pass a cw test knowing that I did not like it or
: would ever use it?
: I do not know the answer. I did it because I wanted the general class
: ticket.

VERY GOOD! You did it because: You wanted the ticket! That IS the reason that the code should NOT die. I have heard lots of people say that the code is no longer a *critical* part of amateur radio OPERATION, and hence it should no longer be required as a test element. The operation part may be correct, but a critical part of LICENSING it must continue to be. In all of the posts of people who seek to abolish CW testing, I have yet to hear a proposal for replacing it. WHAT?! REPLACE IT?! WE JUST WANT IT GONE!! Well, the trouble is that, without the code, there is simply no challenge to obtaining a ham ticket. None whatsoever. I'm sure that even the most hard-core CW-test-haters would agree: If everybody could get an Extra ticket on their first test date, the airwaves would be teaming with newbies, many of whom would lack the learned respect for their hobby. THIS IS NOT TO SAY that those who opt NOT to upgrade lack this respect, or are in some way "newbies" even after years of VHF-only operation. They simply DON'T WANT HF enough to have it. BAR NONE.

The "incentive licensing" scheme is ENTIRELY HELD UP by CW testing. Do we really want to hastily destroy this necessary foundation of Ham radio without considering some way to keep it going? I received my Technician No-Code license in March of '93, when I was 17 years old, and was "Temporary AE" by December of the same year. If CW testing had not existed, the only thing that would have prevented me from going from Tech to Extra in one month would have been the fact that there was only one ARRL testing session per month. I'm 21 years old now (as of January), and head up Washington State University's "Rho Epsilon Amateur Radio Fraternity." In the past year, I have helped ten members get their 5 WPM, and 2 get their 13. Nobody took more that one week to learn 5, and the two who got their 13 did so because they took my advice and tried 5 WPM on-the-air.

My point after all this: I think CW is great, and I enjoy using it on-the-air, too. There are many who don't enjoy CW, however, and this is OK. I don't believe, however, that the so-called No-Code movement had considered the impact that removing the code testing would have on incentive licensing. It would be devastating. In my own humble opinion, many of those who call themselves "No-Code" activists are simply along for the ride -- selfishly awaiting the day when they can rush to the local W5YI session, take 3 theory elements, and walk out an Extra. You can all claim otherwise, but that's

what I'll believe until I see a valid attempt to replace the brace that CW has built for incentinve licensing -- or does anybody care what happens to our fine hobby?

I do. --... ...--
Ki7QM, Aaron

PS: email responses to: jah@wsu.edu, or hamradio@eecs.wsu.edu

190. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ed Legenza AA6NI <atued@best.com>
Message-ID: <3344007D.7248@best.com>
Source record: 2739
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
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> In article <5hugg1$31h@masters0.InterNex.Net>,
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> then make things more lax.
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> MD
> --
> -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> -- with my guns.
> --
> -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

So what is wrong with CW? Gosh I hate when people start carping about the code. It is a legitimate mode of communication even in the 21st century. If you don't like CW, don't use that mode.

Having been a VE for some time. I believe that people motivated to become hams can learn to copy 13 wpm enough to become a general class ham. IT really is NOT all that hard!

ED 73

191. Re: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: b073220c@bcfreenet.seflin.org
Message-ID: <5i0v1f$sre@nntp.seflin.org>
Source record: 2740
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Peter A. Forkes (pforkes@pobox.com) wrote:
: Anyway, I'd like to hear from anyone who can either tell me of an
: alternative aerial or can give mt the name and address/phone
: number/e-mail address of a company who make such aerials.

Two options:
1 = Antenna Specialists trunk-lip mount, MONR52, $41.99 plus shipping
2 = Buy #1 and then go to a local radio shop (NOT Radio SHACK), one that installs radios in cars, and buy an "L" bracket and cable assembly (bring the antenna with you to show them what size hole/base you need). The "L" bracket mounts in the gap along either the hood or trunk; police cars usually have this type of antenna. The Antenna Specialists scanner antenna will screw into an "L" bracket base.

I have 2 of these brackets on the front of my S-10 Blazer.

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The Scanner Dude
Brian Cathcart - KE4PMJ
E-mail: ScannerDude@juno.com

Palm Beach County, FL Frequency Directory
http://www.laker.net/mikef/scandude.txt

192. Re: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: b073220c@bcfreenet.seflin.org
Message-ID: <5i0v5m$sre@nntp.seflin.org>
Source record: 2741
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,red.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Brian Cathcart (b073220c@bcfreenet.seflin.org) wrote:
: I have 2 of these brackets on the front of my S-10 Blazer.

Sorry I forgot to put the phone number where to buy the Antenna
Specialists antennas: Scanner World in Albany, NY, 518-436-9606.

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The Scanner Dude
Brian Cathcart - KE4PMJ
E-mail: ScannerDude@juno.com

Palm Beach County, FL Frequency Directory
http://www.laker.net/mikef/scandude.txt

193. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5i160h$7g9@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2742
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <E82oy9.B6D@serval.net.wsu.edu>,
Angela Simons' email address wrote <angela@unicorn.it.wsu.edu>:

>I have yet to hear a
>proposal for replacing it. WHAT?! REPLACE IT?! WE JUST WANT IT GONE!! Well,
>the trouble is that, without the code, there is simply no challenge to
>obtaining a ham ticket. None whatsoever.

This is perhaps an overstatement. A challenge is not the essential
element as a qualifier for an amateur radio license. The requisite
knowlege is all that is tested for in any of the examinations. They
don't ask how hard it was for you. Furthermore, as has been pointed out
on numerous ocassions by Todd Little, if there was no challenge to
passing any of the written exams, you wouldn't have any Generals - they
would all have an Advanced.

>I'm sure that even the most hard-
>core CW-test-haters would agree: If everybody could get an Extra ticket on
>their first test date, the airwaves would be teaming with newbies, many of
>whom would lack the learned respect for their hobby.

If the problem your trying to solve (via Morse) is caused by "newbies" and
their lack of experience, there is quite a simple and much more
straightforward solution: require that they not be newbies! Put a "time
in grade" requirement into effect. The code did not prevent this newbie
from upgrading to Extra.

>In my own humble opinion, many of those who call
>themselves "No-Code" activists are simply along for the ride -- selfishly
>awaiting the day when they can rush to the local W5YI session, take 3 theory
>elements, and walk out an Extra.

And this despite any and all evidence to the contrary - like the license
class of the "No-Code activists" you refer to. There are 5 written
elements; 170 questions out of 1700 in the question pool. Privileges
principally include operating a radio. I find courteous and lawful
operating to be of the greatest importance. And I like the fact that we
have a hobby where studying applied electronics allows you to acquire a
license to build and operate transmitters. But the rigors of properly
operating an amateur radio are no where near as demanding as one might
gather from all the rhetoric presented here on the newgroup. However, it
does take practice to do it well.

Still practicing,

ac6xg

194. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5i19ef$8bo@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2743
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <334408A3.6E92@clark.dgim.doc.ca>,
Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca> wrote:

>However,
>since the government's legitimate concern is the mititigation of interference
>is among the users of the radio frequency spectrum,

Cummings keeps quoting this "mitigation" claim, but the real question is
"Who says this is true"? I keep seeing people post this fallacy, but I've
never seen any evidence to support it.

>Since Morse code testing has utterly failed to do so, what justifies Herman's
>proposal to expand operational testing when Morse code has utterly failed
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claim something that he disagrees with as a "failure" because he himself
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then by 'definition' "all" operational tests are invalid. The true
reason for Cummings' claim is that any operational testing implementation
would go against his "give away the licenses" beliefs. Cummings
attempts to further justify this with a "chicken before the egg"
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couldn't get experience to pass the test. Of course, Cummings naturally
fails to acknowledge that popular proposals in mode-based testing calls
for an "entry level" license with a wide-range of operating privleges
with limited bandwidth and limited power, to allow people to get
familiar with the modes they intend to operate.

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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

195. Re: Non-mag mount scanner aerial?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy <**randyZ@ainsworth.ca**>
Message-ID: <01bc407b$72a062c0$c9f13cc7@alc-pc01>
Source record: 2744
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.scanner

Peter

I ran into the same dilemma when I decided to put a scanner in my car. The neighborhood had been hit with a rash of "Thefts from Auto" and it seemed that the thieves were targeting cars with antennas hanging out all over them. I wanted to mount the scanner in the car and also mount an antenna in such a way that it wouldn't be obvious. Here is what I did:

First of all, my car is a sedan - 96 Honda Civic Si Coupe. I had all three rear windows tinted and then went to Radio Shack and purchased a female BNC chassis mount connector. I drilled a hole in the rear deck, right beside the child seat anchor and mounted the BNC chassis connector there. I ran the coax thru the trunk and under the carpet to where I had concealed the scanner. This worked GREAT. I was able to use the antennas from my handheld scanner in my car. I didn't have to worry about someone bumping it when they rode in the backseat because the antenna is flexible. If I wanted a little more range, I attached the telescopic BNC antenna. The metal of the rear deck acts as a ground plane and the reception was good. This also keeps the antenna out of the elements and you don't have to worry about knocking it off when your sweeping two feet of snow off of your car.

Hope this helps.
73s
Randy - VE7ERZ
randyZ@ainsworth.ca

Peter A. Forkes <pforkes@pobox.com> wrote in article
<333F33FA.154E@pobox.com>...
> I'm looking for an aerial for the scanner in my car. Rdaio Shack do a
> magnetic mount aerial, but I'd rather have one that I can mount on the
> side/hood of my car (frankly, I don't want to add another 3 feet to the
> hight of my car).
>
> Anyway, I'd like to hear from anyone who can either tell me of an
> alternative aerial or can give mt the name and address/phone
> number/e-mail address of a company who make such aerials.
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> Thanks,
>
> Peter
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196. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ed Legenza AA6NI <atued@best.com>
Message-ID: <3344636C.5C8B@best.com>
Source record: 2745
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
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> In article <334408A3.6E92@clark.dgim.doc.ca>,
> Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca> wrote:
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> MD
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> -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> -- with my guns.
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> -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

Just thought I would say that I agree with you on much of your arguments. But don't be too hard on someone who has a mental block about the code. One of the most frustrating things I have done as a VE is try to give the test to the fiancee of a ham friend. She is disabled to the extent that she had, at that time, epilepsy. I knew she knew the answers but she just couldn't calm down enough to TEST.

So, some are luckier than others, and with the current system, no body should be left out completely!

ED AA6NI

197. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5i1cfh$bo8@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2746
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Correct again, Sherlock. It's the internet, primarily wireline based
>and
>*NOT* amateur radio. One need only look at much of the activity on "the
>net" and know that it takes no talent, knowlege, or ability ... just a
>checkbook to get on the net. Anyone believe that The Amateur Radio
>Service should become just another checkbook hobby?

Actually, most people want to be able to charge it to MC or Visa.

Tom - N8ECW

198. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5i1ds4$bo8@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2747
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>College is a choice you can change. You can go to
>different schools to avoid some types of required classes.
>In any case, this is a government licensing requirement,
>not a private entity. Simply put, the government has
>an obligation to ONLY have relavent test requirements.
>You don't find questions on the theory test on
>vacuum tubes anymore because times have changed.
>That is the position morse should be in....dropped as
>a requirement because it is absolutely of no importance
>to contemporary communications on HF. Use it all
>you want, but the government has no role to play in
>fostering continued use of a mode which has only
>entertainment/enjoyment value.

So what you're advocating is a double standard. You're saying it's OK for a college to decide on it's own ciriculum, but not the government when it comes to granting a license.

>The role of government testing is NOT to establish a work
>ethic, sense of commitment or any other subjective quality
>in an amateur. The role of government testing must be limited
>t testing for a minimum set of qualifications to allow a person
>to operate in the amateur bands.

I think we're pretty much at that point right now with memorizing question pools and multiple choice code tests.

Tom - N8ECW

199. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5i24r5$624@masters0.InterNex.Net>
Source record: 2748
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <E82oy9.B6D@serval.net.wsu.edu>,
Aaron KI7QM, using Angela Simons's account wrote:
> VERY GOOD! You did it because: You wanted the ticket! That IS the
>reason that the code should NOT die.

That doesn't make any sense. What connection is there?

> I have heard lots of people say that the
>code is no longer a *critical* part of amateur radio OPERATION, and hence
>it should no longer be required as a test element. The operation part may be
>correct, but a critical part of LICENSING it must continue to be.

Why?

>In all of the posts of people who seek to abolish CW testing, I have yet to
>hear a proposal for replacing it.

Many of us have proposed that the written test be generated by computer to
eliminate the option of learning just the answers to the questions in the
question pool.

> The "incentive licensing" scheme is ENTIRELY HELD UP by CW testing.
>Do we really want to hastily destroy this necessary foundation of Ham radio
>without considering some way to keep it going?

"Incentive licensing" is certainly NOT a "necessary foundation" of Ham Radio,
which survived very well without it for many years. In fact, it appears that
"Incentive licensing" mostly drove the slow-coders out of the hobby,
as our numbers started to decline when it was put into effect -- a decline
that only stopped with the advent of the code-free Technician license.

200. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5i2mv8$5oq@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2749
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

tbryant@cannet.com (T.L.Bryant) wrote:

>>College is a choice you can change. You can go to
>>different schools to avoid some types of required classes.
>>In any case, this is a government licensing requirement,
>>not a private entity. Simply put, the government has
>>an obligation to ONLY have relavent test requirements.
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>>entertainment/enjoyment value.

>So what you're advocating is a double standard. You're saying it's OK for a
>college to decide on it's own ciriculum, but not the government when it comes
>to granting a license.

Correct. Private actions are on no way the equivalent
of government rules. You don't like the requirements
at College A, then you have hundreds of other
choices. You don't agree with license requirements,
you have no alternatives.

That's why license requiremnts MUST always be
relavent and serve a compelling need.

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>>ethic, sense of commitment or any other subjective quality
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>pools and multiple choice code tests.

I think there much oom for improvement
there. Formula questions should have an infinete set
of vales that can be used on any test. That'd be a
simple start to avoid memorization on abou 10-20%
of any set of test questions.

(note rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted from distribution)

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

201. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <33453750.76E5@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2750
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
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Perhaps Deignan should go and read the enabling legislation of his country. As I recall, it empowers the FCC to allocate spectrum and make determinations as to harmful interference and assess penalties as required. Does Deignan have any proof that the enabling legislation states otherwise? For that matter, what is the role of amateur certification? Correct me if I am wrong, but the bottom line is to ensure that amateurs don't cause interference.

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Whether I like Morse code has nothing to do with the efficacy of Morse code testing in order to permit individuals to operate below 30 MHz. In that Morse code is useless to mitigate interference is not opinion, but fact. Is Deignan able to show that the health of the radio frequency spectrum is worse in those bands where there are no-coded amateurs? I think not; indeed, most of the miscreants that are assessed penalties are to amateurs that have passed the Morse code for their misbehaviour on the HF frequencies.

I would be more than pleased if Deignan would be good enough to refrain from telling me what I like and dislike, I believe that I more capable of rendering such decisions.

> In typical "lowest common denominator" fashion of the welfare-state
> mentality, Cummings then attempts to erect a strawman claiming that
> since morse code testing has "failed" (something never established)
> then by 'definition' "all" operational tests are invalid.

The only straw man that is in evidence now is Deignan's attempt to link my objections to operational testing with the welfare-state mentality, whatever that means. Do I believe in a welfare-state, I most certainly do, so that my fellow human beings can be helped along with the eventual goal of being able to become productive members of society. Does that thinking extend to amateur radio? Hardly, because we are discussing a priviledge which is irrelevant to an individual's existence.

Deignan seems to be unable to read the subtle message that I posted. Let me be blunt, operational testing is of no value in amateur radio for the following reasons:

1. Impossible to achieve a level test criteria. This means that the variability of achieving a consistent, evenly applied test across the nation would be impossible. The ease or difficultly would likely be proportional to the whim of the examiner, and unevenly applied across the nation.

2. Operational testing is "pro forma". Such testing will result in very few failures. Although this would seem to be counter-intuitive to the first point, candidates would quickly learn which examiner is most likely to pass them, and go to them for that phase of the examination. Since every examination would result in success, it hardly seems worth the effort to have such an examination. (The problem is that it is easier to pass an individual on just such an examination rather than to justify the failure because there is little documentation to support the failure.)

3. Operational testing has no value in the context of amateur radio. Amateur radio is not a safety service - we do not, as a rule, communicate with other entities within internationally rules, i.e. as for what is stipulated in the martime mobile service. We have developed conventions among ourselves, but the fact of the matter is, that is only to satisfy our own needs. If someone is ignorant of our procedures, we should have the generosity of spirit to guide them, otherwise they will become frustrated and abandon amateur radio. But to up the ante by adding an operational test? In as much as Deignan is quite capable of being disparaging, let him answer the following - what is the need for operational testing? What problem would it solve? For that matter, he has never stated why Morse code testing should be continued (other than to state it must stay, by fiat)?

4. Operational testing would require a substantial effort of already licensing amateurs to assist in the education of those who wish to be amateurs. I believe that such assistance would be a noble endeavour, but practically, there are very few that would do so. Besides, as I have stated before, there are those who call for such testing that by their own admission would not qualify to assist in providing the opportunities to get practical experience operating a station because of their own narrow interests. As I stated before, even Herman would not qualify because I understand that he has no radiotelephone or digital equipment at all; indeed, he has disdained the

use of these modes. He is entitle to pursue these interests as his wishes, but it is quite disengenuous to make a proposal in which he is unable to walk the talk.

5. Operational testing is oxymoronic. For example, Morse code is still used for EME, satellite and weak signal operations in the VHF bands. Yet it is not required to know Morse code in those bands. It defeats the purpose to bring back a mode test for which there ample evidence that it is no value (in refute to Deignan's above mentioned contradictory notion); otherwise, that requirement would have remained. For the other modes, what sort of examination would Deignan design for the operational test?

I think that is enough for today. If Deignan thinks that operational testing is of value, then I whole heartedly invite him to make the proposal to the FCC, otherwise he is only arguing for arguements sake.

The true
> reason for Cummings' claim is that any operational testing implementation
> would go against his "give away the licenses" beliefs.

I don't have those beliefs, so how could they run counter to them? But then again, Deignan also believes that Gary Coffman has said the same ilk. I shall let others decide on their own as to whether Deignan is capable of determining of what I do or do not believe.

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> attempts to further justify this with a "chicken before the egg"
> argument, claiming nobody would be able to pass a test because they
> couldn't get experience to pass the test.

No, Deignan is incorrect, I make the case that it is egg, then the chicken, not the other way around. The only way that the individual can get the experience and practise the requisite skills is under supervision of a licensed amateur, unless we agree that the individual should be allowed on the air without any licence at all, an oxymoronic situation to say the least; allowing someone to get practical experience on the air without a licence. In any case, that can be problematic for those who are unable to find an elmer due to whatever reason, i.e. the local amateurs are a bunch of lazy louts, there are none locally. As a result, this individual who had not the opportunity to have the operational experience beforehand is at a severe handicap in passing an operational examination through no fault of his/her own. In as much I think it is a good idea to coach an individual along, but to test for it when it is of little value? What problem is Deignan hoping to solve with the introduction of operational testing?

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> fails to acknowledge that popular proposals in mode-based testing calls
> for an "entry level" license with a wide-range of operating privleges
> with limited bandwidth and limited power, to allow people to get
> familiar with the modes they intend to operate.
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Popular? That's a stretch. The only reason why they are popular is that the pro-code testing crowd has realized the inutility of Morse code testing for amateur certification. As a result, in the hopes of retaining Morse code testing, they believe that all-mode testing is now required. What Deignan fails to discuss is the efficacy of any-mode testing in amateur radio. Again, if he thinks it is so valuable, then let him work on it and propose it to the FCC; otherwise, he is full of his own rhetoric.

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73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

202. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Roger J. Buffington, W6VZV" <rogerjb@ibm.net>
Message-ID: <3344E4A3.4B94@ibm.net>
Source record: 2751
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Angela Simons wrote:
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> reason that the code should NOT die. I have heard lots of people >say that the
> code is no longer a *critical* part of amateur radio OPERATION, >and hence
> it should no longer be required as a test element. The operation >part may be
> correct, but a critical part of LICENSING it must continue to be.

Your comments on the subject of retaining the Morse Code requirement
remind me of ancient Witch Doctors, who believed that chanting the same
thing over and over again, without reason or logic, made the saying
true. Why does it need to be a critical part of licensing? What good
does that do?

>without the code, there is simply no challenge to
> obtaining a ham ticket. None whatsoever.

Golly, I guess you are such a brainiac that you could pass a theory and
regulations test with zero effort. None whatsoever. Pretty cool. I
couldn't do that. I had to study.

>I'm sure that even the most hard-
> core CW-test-haters would agree: If everybody could get an Extra >ticket on
> their first test date, the airwaves would be teaming with newbies

Well, thank God. At least we don't have to worry about that. The HF
bands very definitely are not full of newbies. There are very few new
hams. Somehow you seem to think that this is a good thing.

Incredible.

>I'm 21 years old now (as of January), and head up Washington State
> University's "Rho Epsilon Amateur Radio Fraternity."

I wondered how it was you knew everything. Now I know. :)

>My point after all this: I think CW is great, and I enjoy using it
> on-the-air, too. There are many who don't enjoy CW, however, and >this is OK.
> I don't believe, however, that the so-called No-Code movement had >considered
> the impact that removing the code testing would have on incentive >licensing.
> It would be devastating.

How do you know? For that matter, what is wrong with killing much of
incentive licensing? I was a ham before incentive licensing existed,
and the hobby was more active and vital by a factor of ten than it is
now. It was teaming with new hams, of all ages, and was truly a

pleasure. Nowadays our hobby is largely an old man's hobby.
How many times do you hear "age hr is 79, been retired for 22 yrs."

> In my own humble opinion, many of those who call
> themselves "No-Code" activists are simply along for the ride -- >selfishly
> awaiting the day when they can rush to the local W5YI session, >take 3 theory
> elements, and walk out an Extra. You can all claim otherwise

Well thank you, I think I will claim otherwise, seeing as how I am
already an Extra, as are many or most of those of us who are agitating
in favor of eliminating Morse Code testing.

>but that's
> what I'll believe until I see a valid attempt to replace the brace that CW
> has built for incentinve licensing -- or does anybody care what happens to
> our fine hobby?
>
> I do.

I do too. And I've been a member of our hobby for 30 years, and watched
it go downhill, largely due to incentive licensing. Most of us who
remember the way the hobby was before incentive licensing recognize that
incentive licensing was a disaster to our hobby.
It has never been the same since.

--
Roger J. Buffington
W6VZV

USC Law, Class of '97

"I want to die peacefully, in my sleep, like my Grandfather.
Not screaming, and in terror, like his passengers..."

Warping with OS/2 Warp 4.0 and Netscape for OS/2

203. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: angela@unicorn.it.wsu.edu
Message-ID: <E84rty.49M@serval.net.wsu.edu>
Source record: 2752
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

: Learning CW is a "large barrier"? Please!
: The truth is that people don't want to learn CW because it takes a
: little time and effort and they don't want to have to do it. I know that
<snip>
: "technically unqualified" element they are trying to keep out. CW takes
: a *little* effort and time to learn and I think people in this "instant
: gratification" period we live in want to talk on the radio NOW.
: I think learning CW shows a minimum level of committment and
: perseverance that are good qualities for people in the hobby to have.
: I am not against "no-code"licensing nor do I look down at no-code hams,
: I just think I understand why learning morse code has been a requirement
: and I don't think it was a bad idea.

: Greg WG8N

Bravo!!!!! At least there's somebody else in here who looks at the big picture. The reason for CW testing IS NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE THE FCC OR ANYBODY ELSE THINKS CW IS COOL. IT IS BECAUSE CW DEMONSTRATES A LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO ONE'S HOBBY THAT THE WRITTEN ELEMENTS CAN NOT! Why it this so difficult to understand?!?!?!? CW IS NOT A BIG DEAL!!!! If all you do is sit around all day whining about hating CW, you are, in my mind, not worthy of a callsign. If somebody can find a way to similarly test one's effort and commitment to their licensing goals, JUST SAY IT! It doesn't take two brain cells to figure out that you can't just throw CW testing away without REPLACING IT WITH SOMETHING ELSE. When I joined the hobby in '93, I didn't like the idea of CW, but I soon learned to respect it. When I committed to upgrading my Tech No-Code license, I committed myself to learning CW. It is a well-establish tradition (and no, tradition does not have anything to do with the future), and has great roots in our hobby. If all you do is worry about, then sure... it'll be hell. But once you pass it by, you'll see that the effort was worth it. This series of stages in developing your license is healthy.

BTW: I've never met anybody who couldn't learn 5 WPM in a week!

73's,
Aaron -Ki7QM (email reply to: jah@wsu.edu)

204. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3345E63D.56CC@ix.netcom.com>
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Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> : I think learning CW shows a minimum level of committment and
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> hobby in '93, I didn't like the idea of CW, but I soon learned to respect
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> myself to learning CW. It is a well-establish tradition (and no, tradition
> does not have anything to do with the future), and has great roots in our
> hobby. If all you do is worry about, then sure... it'll be hell. But
> once you pass it by, you'll see that the effort was worth it. This series
> of stages in developing your license is healthy.
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> BTW: I've never met anybody who couldn't learn 5 WPM in a week!
>
> 73's,
> Aaron -Ki7QM (email reply to: jah@wsu.edu)

My sentiments exactly, Aaron, although I do question the "5 WPM in a
week" part. I'm not sure how long it took me to learn 5 WPM, but I
believe it was more like two-three weeks.

Best regards,
Lindsay
WA4ISZ

205. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Keith Henderson <kt4vq@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <3345D0F9.5205@bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2754
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Jeffrey Herman wrote:
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I took my code and passed. Ham radio is a hobby. You show your commitment to the hobby by passing the code. Besides, I set hour after hour studying to pass my code and I think everyone else should as well. If you do away with code then bands will be filled with trash like CB.

I said that!

206. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ed Legenza AA6NI <atued@best.com>
Message-ID: <3345DA57.7F26@best.com>
Source record: 2755
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> like CB.
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And yaou said it 100 per cent right too!!!

ED AA6NI
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207. Hamefest - NE Ohio, June 15th

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-0404971432000001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2756
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

Please come to our 6th Annual Father's Day Hamefest, Computer Show, and Fleamarket.

Date: June 15th, 1997

Time: 8AM to 1PM (Vendor setup - 6AM)

Where: Macedonia, Ohio (Nordonia High School)

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Prizes: To Be Announced (Last year - Dual bander, 2m HT, Sound Card, Scanner)

Vendor Spaces: $4 outside, $11 inside (includes a table!)

For more information:

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or call Rich James, N8FIL at 1-800-404-2282

208. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5i3thp$ngg@nerd.apk.net>
Source record: 2757
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Correct. Private actions are on no way the equivalent
>of government rules. You don't like the requirements
>at College A, then you have hundreds of other
>choices. You don't agree with license requirements,
>you have no alternatives.
>
>That's why license requiremnts MUST always be
>relavent and serve a compelling need.

If one doesn't agree with the license requirements, then one *does* have an alternative. It's called CB radio.

Tom - N8ECW

209. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <3345B9C4.5BDC@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2758
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> Jeff KH2PZ

I could LIVE with this

DON KB5FHX

210. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: caseyx@ssd.intel.com
Message-ID: <5i3cmv$j3q@news.co.intel.com>
Source record: 2759
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <3344E4A3.4B94@ibm.net> rogerjb@ibm.net writes:
>Angela Simons wrote:
>>

[snip for brevity]

>>without the code, there is simply no challenge to
>> obtaining a ham ticket. None whatsoever.
>
>Golly, I guess you are such a brainiac that you could pass a theory and
>regulations test with zero effort. None whatsoever. Pretty cool. I
>couldn't do that. I had to study.

Study what? The question pool? Anyone with a C average in school can pass
any of the written elements with less than a day's study if they have
the pool questions/answers, which are widely distributed on the net and
in books. I'm not advocating that people do it, just that the poster is
correct in saying there is no challenge in that.

Casey KK7FX

[snip for brevity]

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>Roger J. Buffington
>W6VZV
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>USC Law, Class of '97
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>"I want to die peacefully, in my sleep, like my Grandfather.
>Not screaming, and in terror, like his passengers..."
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>Warping with OS/2 Warp 4.0 and Netscape for OS/2

211. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5i4820$krb@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2760
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <E84rty.49M@serval.net.wsu.edu> angela@unicorn.it.wsu.edu (Angela Simons) writes:
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>BTW: I've never met anybody who couldn't learn 5 WPM in a week!
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>73's,
>Aaron -Ki7QM (email reply to: jah@wsu.edu)

Hello Aaron or Angela whoever is actually posting this.

My name is Jerry KK5YY pleased to meet you. BTW now you can no longer make the statement above truthfully. There are some people for whom code only comes with great effort and struggle. Some of us in this group get really tired of hearing how easy it is to learn code.

Jerry

212. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us
Message-ID: <1997Apr5.022959.2838@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>
Source record: 2761
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5i19ef$8bo@anomaly.ideamation.com> kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com (Michael P. Deignan) writes:
>In article <334408A3.6E92@clark.dgim.doc.ca>,
> Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca> wrote:
>>However,
>>since the government's legitimate concern is the mititigation of interference
>>is among the users of the radio frequency spectrum,
>
>Cummings keeps quoting this "mitigation" claim, but the real question is
>"Who says this is true"? I keep seeing people post this fallacy, but I've
>never seen any evidence to support it.

Deigman might try reading the Communications Act of 1934, which sets forth the purposes and objectives of govrnment regulation of spectrum access.

>In typical "lowest common denominator" fashion of the welfare-state
>mentality, Cummings then attempts to erect a strawman claiming that

It is interesting to note that it is only those appealing to the government to maintain a life support subsidy for Morse (welfare statism at its lowest) who raise the spectre of "welfare state mentality". Perhaps that comes from looking in the mirror. A truly viable operating method needs no such subsidy. But the welfare statists are obviously fearful that Morse cannot withstand free market competition from other methodologies without coercive government measures.

Gary

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213. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <33461CD4.3E2F@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2762
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl wrote in response to Greg Emerson:
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> >I am not against "no-code"licensing nor do I look down at no-code hams,
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> You don't think it was a bad idea, yet you admit you don't
> understand why it is a requirement. Does that make any sense at all?
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> Bill Sohl K2UNK
> ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

Bill, I think you misread Greg's statement. He states above that he DOES understand why learning morse code has been a requirement.

I, too, understand: It's relevent, it's effective, and it's a way to keep the HF frequencies from becoming severely congested.

For any given license, the requirements for HF access are the same for everyone. Admittedly, some individuals will expend more time and energy than others to master the code, just as some folks will spend more time on the theory than others. However, nobody is being denied access because of some egregious bias.

Best regards,
Lindsay
WA4ISZ

214. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5i5oki$frs@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2763
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Keith Henderson <kt4vq@bellsouth.net> wrote:
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>commitment to the hobby by passing the code. Besides, I set hour after
>hour studying to pass my code and I think everyone else should as
>well. If you do away with code then bands will be filled with trash
>like CB.

Keith:
You echo the same empty logic that has gone on before.
Read Part 97 and come back and tell us where Ham Radio
is defined by the FCC as a hobby.

You then end with the same tripe that others
before you have said (although at least you said it in a
clear statement).. i.e. I did it, now so should everyone
else. Sorry to inform you, but that is not how national or
international license requirments should be established
or maintained. If a requirement has no compelling and
rational reson to exist, then it should go...irrespetive
of how many had to pass that requirement before.

Lastly, you claim that without code the bands will
be like CB, yet with over 100,000 co-code hams
we have nothing CB like on the VHF bands at all.
Neither you nor anyone else can predict what the
impact might be if code is dropped. Fear of the unknown
is understandable but the comparison to CB is so
far off the mark it bears comarison.

CB - No license, buy a $40 radio and go on the air.

HF Hams (assuming there was no code test)
License still required. Theory and regs testing at
the general level would still be retained (indeed,
I and others have offered several ways the test
pool can and shoould be improved).
HF radios are not cheap...even older used ones.

rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted from distribution
as it is an inappropriate newgroup for this topic.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

215. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3346CACB.4A48@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2764
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl wrote:
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> Keith:
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> Read Part 97 and come back and tell us where Ham Radio
> is defined by the FCC as a hobby.

Bill,

I don't know about you, but I got into Ham radio as a hobby. I was interested in electronics, but I was especially fascinated by the ability to communicate world-wide. Ham radio is, and always will be, a form of entertainment for me -- a hobby. Even though the FCC characterizes it as a service, I suspect that for most hams, it's a hobby, and that's the main reason they got a license.
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> Bill Sohl K2UNK
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Best regards,
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WA4ISZ

216. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us
Message-ID: <1997Apr5.205925.8765@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>
Source record: 2765
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5hsj4d$rba@news.Hawaii.Edu> jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu (Jeffrey Herman) writes:
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Fine, what's your definition of a "popular" mode? Used by more than
50% of all amateurs? Used by 22% of all amateurs? Used by 2% of all
amateurs? And what about the *unpopular* modes? Are you going to let
people use modes for which they haven't been tested? And what about
the modes currently being invented? Who writes those tests?

And how about the distortions in usage statistics which are purely
an artifact of current regulations? Perhaps T1 rate digital would
be the most popular mode on the lower end of 40m if it weren't
prohibited by regulation, or more realistically, SSB might be the
most popular mode on the lower end of 40m if it weren't prohibited
there.

Where do you draw the line? And how do you even determine usage
statistics uncorrupted by regulatory artifact?

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org>
Message-ID: <3346BF71.64A4@rollanet.org>
Source record: 2766
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Thomas Foster wrote:
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> Angela Simons wrote:
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> > : Learning CW is a "large barrier"? Please!
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> > : "technically unqualified" element they are trying to keep out. CW takes
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> week" part. I'm not sure how long it took me to learn 5 WPM, but I
> believe it was more like two-three weeks.
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> Best regards,
> Lindsay
> WA4ISZ

Goes for me too! 13wpm in 10 days!! only used radio shack code tapes
1hr per day
--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF

mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

218. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us
Message-ID: <1997Apr5.215319.9067@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>
Source record: 2767
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5hc4ig$lno@rosebud.sdsc.edu> Kurt Bilinski <Kurt.Bilinski@gat.com> writes:
>Children please,
>
>One side whines that CW is slow and inefficient. Going along with that
>mentality, people who use CW talk (slowly) about nothing except, what,
>how big their antenna is, what their power amp rating is, and what far
>off station they just talked to.

True. :-)

>Now the other side...
>
>With the latest digital techniques, what are we up to, about 20kbaud?

The current amateur SOTA is 100 Mb. The amateur SOTA 5 years ago was
1.2 Mb. The amateur SOTA of 10 years ago was 56 kb. The amateur SOTA
of 20 years ago was 1200 baud. Unfortunately too many amateurs remain
stuck at the SOTA of 20 years ago in packet. But at least that's better
than being stuck at less than 20 baud like the Morse users have been
for nearly a century. Morse users have made no progress since the
adoption of continous waves.

Note that we're stuck at 300 baud on HF, but that's because of
regulations, not because of engineering feasibility.

>And what do you guys discuss that necessitates this high speed
>throughput? Nothing. Sorry, not quite true, there's how big the antenna
>is, what the power amp rating is, and what far off station was just
>contacted. Only difference is you run out of things to talk about much
>faster...

Actually, we exchange video (still and motion), text and binary files,
do digital voice, send schematics and board layouts, browse the web, etc.
It is amazing how much more genuinely useful radio becomes with a little
bit more throughput.

>As soon as the satallite phone system is in place, you digital guys will
>sell your ham equipment, right? I mean, you want the very latest in
>maximum data throughput. No one wants to settle for that "old
>technology", right?

No, we won't sell our ham equipment. We have no control over commerical
provider networks. We can't experiment with hardware or protocols on
commercial provider networks. We certainly want fast, but we want it
on *our* terms, not on those of some remote commercial provider.

>Give it a rest, it's a hobby. Each of you imply you're somehow better
>then the other. The joke is, people outside this hobby view each of you
>as the _same_; geeks!

It's more than a hobby. It is a chartered radio service with definite specified purposes and goals. By experimenting with modern digital systems we support those charter goals. We're self-training in contemporary communications technology, developing a pool of trained technicians and electronic communications experts to serve an augmentation role for the military and civil government in times of national emergency. We are advancing, to some extent, the SOTA in ad hoc networks and low cost digital hardware (amateur developed digital systems were used in Desert Storm). We support the logistical needs of emergency service agencies. And we even contribute a tiny bit, due to regulatory limits, to international goodwill by handling message traffic for foreign operators.

And of course we have fun doing much of this, and have a sense of satisfaction for doing other parts of this. We receive no other pay. We could do much more, of course, but we face the same "I've got mine" mentality by entrenched interests that others attempting to use modern techniques face (and have faced down through the years). But just as SSB supplanted AM, we expect to eventually dominate text transmission in amateur radio (we already move more text in an hour than the world's Morse operators do in a week), and ultimately video and voice transmission as well, if amateur radio isn't killed first by the Luddites.

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219. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5i6q0o$j1m@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2768
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

tbryant@cannet.com (T.L.Bryant) wrote:

>>Correct. Private actions are on no way the equivalent
>>of government rules. You don't like the requirements
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>>relavent and serve a compelling need.

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>alternative. It's called CB radio.

Fine for you if you want. I prefer to take a proactive role
in attempting to change things.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

220. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5i6qj7$j5l@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2769
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>Bill, I think you misread Greg's statement. He states above that he DOES
>understand why learning morse code has been a requirement.

Oops, read that too quickly.

>I, too, understand: It's relevent,

Why is it any more relavent than any other mode?
Test for it on the same basis as any other mode (i.e. merge
the scoring with an overall test score rather than as a
separate pass/fail element and you can make a reasonable
comparison then).

> it's effective,

No more so than many other modes. Ditto the comments
above again.

>and it's a way to
>keep the HF frequencies from becoming severely congested.

In other words it is purly an excersize to minimize numbers.
If that is a needed aspect of ham radio then someone should
determine the maximum that should be allowed and stop
issuing new licenses at that point until others expire.

>For any given license, the requirements for HF access are the same for
>everyone. Admittedly, some individuals will expend more time and energy
>than others to master the code, just as some folks will spend more time
>on the theory than others. However, nobody is being denied access
>because of some egregious bias.

The bias is simply because the code has no reason to be
required anymore. No different than eliminating test questions
that pertained to vacuum tubes in the past.
Once again, the only thing a government test should
include is the things that are reuired on a sound and
rational basis.

rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted as inappropriate

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221. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAM.cyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <337b12c1.27817264@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2770
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

>I, too, understand: It's relevent, it's effective, and it's a way to
>keep the HF frequencies from becoming severely congested.

Well, no, it's not. Constant repetition of these canards don't make
them any more true, either.

Even if they were true, they'd be pretty weak arguments for much of
anything.

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glenq@cyberhighway.net
WB7DOW @ KB7CFD.ID.USA.NOAM

222. CRAZY dx group & Web news !!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Giorgio - i05105 <roxanne@grisnet.it>
Message-ID: <01bc426f$a99441c0$LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2771
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio.uk,aus.radio.amateur.misc,aus.radio.amateur.wicen,es.rec.radio.amateur,fido7.hamradio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

06/04/1997

Crazy DX group & Web !!

This message is for announcing that, starting from March 26th 1997, the new "Crazy DX Group" Internet site, completely updated, is available.

Besides the very new graphic covering, the site is now completely available in English language, too.

You will find it at the WEB address: http://mline.peoples.it/crazy

More exactly, you will find:

- Detailed informations about the Crazy DX Group (who are the Crazy's, group's rules, membership list, etc...).

- Pages full-dedicated to the IIA award, (last informations about the activities, informations by the IIA committee, updated list of every island
valid for the IIA award, IIA Award rules - HF & VHF, etc...).

- Software page, where you'll find:
OFFICIAL I.I.A. SOFTWARE by IK0QOB last release 2.1 (freeware) updated at 23/03/97, several databases for Packet-Cluster(tm) (IIA, IOSA, SPIA) available both in italian and english language, etc...).

- Photo & QSL (very large photo-list of IIA activities, Crazy DX Group members QSL, etc...).

- List of many HAM-sites links.

All this, and other, is available at the following WEB address:

http://mline.peoples.it/crazy

Any kind of remarks and suggestions are mostly welcome and appreciated.
Just send them to the following e-mail address:

i05105@amsat.org

73's de Crazy DX Group....the Crazy Islanders !

========== IN ITALIANO ==========

Crazy DX group & Web !!

Il seguente messaggio per Comunicarvi che dal 26 Marzo 1997 e' disponibile
il
nuovo sito Internet aggiornatissimo del Crazy DX Group.

Oltre alla nuovissima veste grafica, il sito e' ora disponibile in
ITALIANO & INGLESE .

Lo potrete trovare all'indirizzo WEB : http://mline.peoples.it/crazy

Sul sito troverete:

- Informazioni dettagliate sul Crazy DX Group (chi siamo, statuto del Crazy
DX Group, elenco soci, ecc...).

- Pagine dedicate completamente al diploma IIA, (ultime info sulle
attivazioni, comunicazioni dell'IIA Committee, lista aggiornata di tutte
le
isole valide per l'IIA, regolamento del diploma IIA - HF & VHF, ecc...)

- Sezione software, dove troverete:
SOFTWARE UFFICIALE I.I.A. by IK0QOB ultima versione 2.1
aggiornata al 23/03/97, vari database per Packet-Cluster(tm) (IIA, IOSA,
SPIA) disponibili in versione italiana e inglese, ecc...).

- Foto & QSL (vastissima raccolta di foto di attivazioni IIA, QSL dei soci
del Crazy DX Group, ecc...).

- Elenco di link a vari siti HAM.

Tutto questo, e altro, potrete trovarlo al seguente indirizzo WEB:

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Sono graditi commenti, segnalazioni e critiche di ogni tipo, da inviare al
seguente e-mail:
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223. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org>
Message-ID: <3347FC84.6AB8@rollanet.org>
Source record: 2772
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> Keith:
> You echo the same empty logic that has gone on before.
> Read Part 97 and come back and tell us where Ham Radio
> is defined by the FCC as a hobby.

as a supposedly self governing body, WE define ham radio.
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> You then end with the same tripe that others
> before you have said (although at least you said it in a
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> else. Sorry to inform you, but that is not how national or
> international license requirments should be established
> or maintained. If a requirement has no compelling and
> rational reson to exist, then it should go...irrespetive
> of how many had to pass that requirement before.
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like registering for the draft eh?

> Lastly, you claim that without code the bands will
> be like CB, yet with over 100,000 co-code hams
> we have nothing CB like on the VHF bands at all.
> Neither you nor anyone else can predict what the
> impact might be if code is dropped. Fear of the unknown
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> far off the mark it bears comarison.

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propagation on 11m is better than this repeater s**t and never use
their priveleges again. Membership drives for the club always pick
up some CBers as well as new to radio types. the new to radio types
are always more open to the expected ham behavior.
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> CB - No license, buy a $40 radio and go on the air.
>
never been around a CBer eh? again visit my area or a truck stop with
cb repair done on premises. $250-$350 radios and $300-$600 linears.
50ft towers and $250 beam antennae. half of the CBers shacks rival my
own and i have been pretty fortunate.

> HF Hams (assuming there was no code test)
> License still required. Theory and regs testing at
> the general level would still be retained (indeed,
> I and others have offered several ways the test
> pool can and shoould be improved).
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in regards to what? 80m AM in my opinion is THE biggest draw for
the CB crowd. these tube type radios are available and cheaper than
what they use now. i do computer repair/building work for the local
electronic and CB repair shop. 3 guys that work there would be hams
right now if not for the code test. they are nice guys to be sure
but have admitted that they would not change their practice on the ham
bands. they have home built amplifiers using 4-1000, 3-3000 and even
3-10000 being driven by Johnsons, Apaches and other old rigs and
transmit
several kilowatts. they curse, play music whatever on 11m. these guys
could TEACH the theory but want to talk like CBers on the longer
traveling
ham bands. many, many CBers that come to get their rigs fixed or
tweaked
express the exact same sentiment. i'd get my ham license except for the
code. they have no interest in short range fm priveleges so why should
they start with a tech license they say. sounds like the no-code tech
is
not doing such a bad job of getting more hams really interested in HAM
radio
in without breaking open a flood gate for those not really interested in
HAM.

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> ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ

i can't speak for yours our any other area, but i DO know the people
that
live here. it's very likely that you live in a metro type city that
does
not have this type of community. in central missouri, this IS what you
will
find in every town up and down I-44. so without drastic changes in on
air responsibility, the hf bands would become a worse place than they
are now.

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224. I NEED A PROGRAM FOR THE HAM TEST!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: manpower@juno.com
Message-ID: <5i9a21$d09@news5.snfc21.pacbell.net>
Source record: 2773
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,relcom.radio.ham,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,sbay.hams,slac.rec.ham_radio,su.org.ham-radio

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SOFTWARE", can you PLEASE email it to me?

Thanks..

James

225. AMATEUR EXAMINATION PRACTICE SOFTWARE

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: stealth@wired2.net
Message-ID: <5i9nk9$l5g@news3.snfc21.pacbell.net>
Source record: 2774
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,relcom.radio.ham,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,sbay.hams,slac.rec.ham_radio,su.org.ham-radio

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226. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bill Newkirk <wnewkirk@iu.net>
Message-ID: <334B10F3.7C9A@iu.net>
Source record: 2775
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Casey Bahr wrote:
> Study what? The question pool? Anyone with a C average in school can pass
> any of the written elements with less than a day's study if they have
> the pool questions/answers, which are widely distributed on the net and
> in books. I'm not advocating that people do it, just that the poster is
> correct in saying there is no challenge in that.
>
> Casey KK7FX

well, in most cases, the work you did in school consisted of studying a large amount of material only to cough up a few answers such as "who's buried in grant's tomb?". or what happened in 1066 or compute the circumference of a flower garden 3 feet from center to edge.

if the tests were so terribly easy, i should never see any failures at the radio exams. last time around i think we had 6 of 18 that qualified for a license. and we only had about 7 or 8 unlicensed people at the exam...

actually, i'd bet if i picked ten questions at random from the novice pool and took them to a large radio club made up of long licensed hams, i'd bet at best i'd only see an average of 5-7 questions right across the entire group. since the tests are entry exams, you'd think that those in the service the longest would have the easiest time..right?

227. Retesting, progress, and competence ... was Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc44f5$31c372a0$54c1e1ce@carl.ais.net>
Source record: 2776
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Bill Newkirk <wnewkirk@iu.net> wrote in article <334B10F3.7C9A@iu.net>...
>
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> pool and took them to a large radio club made up of long licensed hams,
> i'd bet at best i'd only see an average of 5-7 questions right across
> the entire group. since the tests are entry exams, you'd think that
> those in the service the longest would have the easiest time..right?

That's a big part of the problem, Bill and I'm glad that you bring it up.

In point of fact, a huge portion of presently licensed hams only barely
squeaked past the test on luck, short-term memorization, and a few
good guesses and then told themselves "I've passed the test, I know
all that's necessary to know" and then promptly fell asleep only to be
wakened by the need to say "UR 599, PSE QSL" at some opportune
time so they could get another postcard to plaster on their wall so they
can lie to themselves about what great, SOTA communicators they are ...
They've been in that state for years and have fallen so far behind in
terms of the changes in technology that they don't even realize how
far behind they are ... it's like they've fallen into a well that's so deep
they can't see all the way to the surface ...

The point that you make is a serious problem for our service and I
feel very strongly that it points to a rather critical need for retesting
at
renewal time. This is a change in the rules that I would strongly
support because I think it is perhaps the ONLY way to overcome
the laziness and stagnation that have become so prominent in our
ranks. I know the slackards, yackers, gamers, cheapskates, and
others will bitch, whine, moan, and generally pitch a fit over the idea
of having to prove themselves qualified at each renewal, but too bad.
(many other things that require licenses require periodic recertification)

The technology of communications (which we're supposed to be
keeping up with ... even advancing) is moving so fast that it's absurd
to claim one is qualified today because one passed a test on tube
theory 30 years ago, then sat down to chase DX and never learned
another thing ... I am absolutely certain that there are still many OTs
who used to build their own rigs (when tubes were the thing) but stopped
years ago because "those damned transistor thingies are too small
and confusing ..." These folks USED to be qualified, but they didn't

keep up with the progress of technology and now they're so far behind
that they don't have a clue ...

Bear in mind that I'm NOT saying that EVERYONE who's been licensed
for more than a few years is like this, but the reality is that there is a
huge portion of the ham population that *IS* ...

That this can happen says that there's something fundamentally wrong
with our licensing and testing system ... there are other things wrong,
too, but retesting at renewal time would at least assure that people
remained reasonably competent by keeping up with the inevitable
changes in technology ...

Carl - wa6vse
carl@ais.net

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228. MX300-S

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D. F. Cimperman, Jr." <cimperman@tusco.net>
Message-ID: <01bc451a$7afb7f60$6862cecf@dcimp>
Source record: 2777
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Anyone out there work on Motorola MX300-S radios. I need a few tuned up,
and the proms programmed. I have proms, and radios and spare parts, I just
dont know How to work on them yet.
Thanks in advance.
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D. F. Cimperman, Jr.
Pager Central
116 North Broadway
New Philadelphia, Ohio. 44663

229. Windows 95 ham/packet radio software & hardware

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: seanj@os.com
Message-ID: <334c3e20.0@news.os.com>
Source record: 2778
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.packet,relcom.radio.ham

I am looking for easy, inexpensive start-up software/hardware for ham packet radio to run on a 133 MHZ pentium (WIN 95) for my father to use. His call sign is W1NZP out of Salem,CT.

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James & Company Design Services Email: seanj@os.com
586 Pleasant Street Phone: (508) 755-2179
Worcester, MA 01602 http://www.os.com/~seanj
Fax: (800) 754-3313

230. Re: Retesting, progress, and competence ... was Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc459e$574c51a0$a8ee65ce@william-lee>
Source record: 2779
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Great sig file Carl, Did it take long to write it?

231. Re: Retesting, progress, and competence ... was Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <carl@ais.net>
Message-ID: <01bc45cd$647a9a60$4ec1e1ce@carl.ais.net>
Source record: 2780
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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William Lee <willee@inwave.com> wrote in article
<01bc459e$574c51a0$a8ee65ce@william-lee>...
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> Great sig file Carl, Did it take long to write it?
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No, it was created automatically ... technology is wonderful, 'aint it?

It's a cryptographically-secure message digest that proves that
*I* really wrote the message and allows the detection of any
alteration to the message ...

If you watch a few, you'll see that they're never the same ...
because they are dependent on both every bit of the message
content and on a time-varying cryptographic function ...

Pretty neat, huh? (Discourages the twits from altering my posts
with their "cute" little "quotes," etc. to make it look like I
said things I didn't say ...)

Carl - wa6vse
carl@ais.net

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232. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5ijpv4$3h2@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2781
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Demolition Man <nospam.demoman@rollanet.org> wrote:

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>> Keith:
>> You echo the same empty logic that has gone on before.
>> Read Part 97 and come back and tell us where Ham Radio
>> is defined by the FCC as a hobby.

>as a supposedly self governing body, WE define ham radio.

Absolute rubbish. We are self policing...that does not include
the power to set the regulations, only to enforce by self
monitoring and reporting to the FCC observed violations.

>> You then end with the same tripe that others
>> before you have said (although at least you said it in a
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>> rational reson to exist, then it should go...irrespetive
>> of how many had to pass that requirement before.
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>like registering for the draft eh?

The last draft was in the 60s/early 70s. You can argue
if there was a need. As I recall, those that were
drafted or already in the military weren't the ones that
set the rules either.

>> Lastly, you claim that without code the bands will
>> be like CB, yet with over 100,000 co-code hams
>> we have nothing CB like on the VHF bands at all.
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>> impact might be if code is dropped. Fear of the unknown
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>come visit my neck of the woods. the 2m no-coders are exactly like
>they are on their CBs minus the language. 10-4 and destinated and
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So what. I must have skipped the chapter in the FCC
rules that said only approved Q codes were allowed.

> when asked to adjust their on air dialog
>1 in 10 of the CBers will comply. the others will tell you that
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>their priveleges again. Membership drives for the club always pick
>up some CBers as well as new to radio types. the new to radio types
>are always more open to the expected ham behavior.

I guess in the confusing comments above there is
a message. Not at all sure what the heck it is though.

>> CB - No license, buy a $40 radio and go on the air.
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>never been around a CBer eh? again visit my area or a truck stop with
>cb repair done on premises. $250-$350 radios and $300-$600 linears.
>50ft towers and $250 beam antennae. half of the CBers shacks rival my
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All illegal too from your description. Additionally, how many
of those types are there and it seems interesting that you
tolerate such illegals as friends and acquantences.

>> HF Hams (assuming there was no code test)
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>but have admitted that they would not change their practice on the ham
>bands. they have home built amplifiers using 4-1000, 3-3000 and even
>3-10000 being driven by Johnsons, Apaches and other old rigs and
>transmit

Your point? As long as they weren't perating illegally once
they became hams, just what is your beef?

>several kilowatts. they curse, play music whatever on 11m. these guys
>could TEACH the theory but want to talk like CBers on the longer
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>in without breaking open a flood gate for those not really interested in

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Yet even if code went away, those CB good buddies of
yours would need to pass a GENERAL test. Are you afraid
of that?

>i can't speak for yours our any other area, but i DO know the people
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>live here. it's very likely that you live in a metro type city that
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>not have this type of community. in central missouri, this IS what you
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>find in every town up and down I-44. so without drastic changes in on
>air responsibility, the hf bands would become a worse place than they
>are now.

Gee, now we have someone saying the rural country folks
are the CB problem, not the urban areas.

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <334D9610.25E7@lni.net>
Source record: 2782
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl wrote:

>Once again, the only thing a government test should
>include is the things that are reuired on a sound and
>rational basis.

As a former Marine Sergeant and a current police officer, I feel I have had my fair share of dealings with the "government" and I can tell you THEY DO NOTHING ON A SOUND AND RATIONAL BASIS!!!!

I had government tests in the military that I neither liked nor felt were relevant to my job. Typing was one of them. I never had to type once in my four year tour. You see, the government don't give a rat's patootie what you or I think. They don't *have* to do squat if they don't want to. That's the bottom line. You either do it or you don't pass. Relevant test or not. They won't go changing everything around to accomodate a few over-zealous rebels. Don't tell me it ain't the same, either. ALL government is the same.

Like Nike says...just do it.

With all the energy and time people expend complaining about the code, they could instead be a general or above if they applied that energy in another direction.

Well, now I'm gonna wait for Bill Sohl to disect my post and tell me how wrong I am...

Take care everyone!

73,

Greg Emerson WG8N

234. Re: CW should die, children, please...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5il8fc$8in@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2783
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote:

>Bill Sohl wrote:

>>Once again, the only thing a government test should
>>include is the things that are reuired on a sound and
>>rational basis.

>As a former Marine Sergeant and a current police officer, I feel I have
>had my fair share of dealings with the "government" and I can tell you
>THEY DO NOTHING ON A SOUND AND RATIONAL BASIS!!!!

Even assuming your statement was 100% true, that doesn't
support the continued testing of morse.

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>were relevant to my job. Typing was one of them. I never had to type
>once in my four year tour. You see, the government don't give a rat's
>patootie what you or I think. They don't *have* to do squat if they
>don't want to. That's the bottom line. You either do it or you don't
>pass.

Great attitutde. You offer no rational reason at all
to keep CW testing. You view the requirment as
self justifying.

>Relevant test or not. They won't go changing everything around to
>accomodate a few over-zealous rebels. Don't tell me it ain't the same,
>either. ALL government is the same.

I guess as a member of government you know best. I also know
that it can be changed, and eventually will be changed.
I've already done it so your statement is directed at the wrong
person. You assume that bbecause I'm working for change
that it is to benefit mysel...sorry to inform you, but I don't need
the code dropped myself.

>Like Nike says...just do it.

Ditto my prior comments above.

>With all the energy and time people expend complaining about the code,
>they could instead be a general or above if they applied that energy in
>another direction.

Check my license class.

>Well, now I'm gonna wait for Bill Sohl to disect my post and tell me how
>wrong I am...

Done!

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

235. RE: HRO's catalog of LIES!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rocco <rocco@superior.net>
Message-ID: <01bc1f17$63ee4600$8e6099ce@roccocon>
Source record: 2784
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

Don't be a baby! If you shop around a bit and if you knew anything about HRO
you would know the following:

1. In most cases HRO will give you the same price as anyone else. Just tell them
who has it for the lower price and they will come down to that price.

2. They charge shipping for any order under $100.00.

If you don't do your homework when you are ordering, than don't cry when
you don't have a clue what the final price is. All ypu had to do was ask what
the total was. If you don't like the price, SEND THE ITEM BACK!!!

Rocco

236. FS: Ritron Jobcom Radios, Red Dot

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: silkycomREMOVE4NOSPAM@teleport.com
Message-ID: <335154ab.22487063@news.teleport.com>
Source record: 2785
Cross-posted to: pdx.forsale,pnw.forsale,rec.radio.amateur,seattle.forsale,rec.ham-radio

Two JOBCOM radios by Ritron:

One (1) JBC-200, 2-watt, 2 1/2 channel handheld with swivel case, A/C charger, Weather crystal (may or may not work where you are), 1 channel (Red Dot) installed, one open. Privacy module installed. Slightly used as a demo/loaner. Excellent shape. Alone: $230.00

One (1) JBC-15M, 1-watt, 1-channel handheld with swivel case, A/C charger, Red Dot installed. Privacy Module installed. Slightly used as a demo/loaner. Excellent shape. Alone: $175.00

Take all FOR: $325.00 FIRM. Both working.

237. RE: HRO's catalog of LIES!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ted <ted@GetOutOfSpamFree.Card>
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.91.970414050527.11379M-100000@prog1.caprica.com>
Source record: 2786
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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[1]-----------------------------------------------------+
| My domain-name in the address header is bogus! This |
| is to defeat those junk-email robots in newsgroups. |
| To send me email, you MUST change the "To:" header! |
| My correct email address to use is: ted@caprica.com |
| When replying, do so between points, point-by-point, |
| not all bunched together & delete any excess quotes. |
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On 13 Apr 1997, Rocco wrote:

> Don't be a baby! If you shop around a bit and if you knew anything about
> HRO

By the way, Rocco, who gave you permission to add more newsgroups to MY thread?

Ted (ted@caprica.com)

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[2]-----------------------------------------------------+
| My Email is neither a newsgroup or a public forum! |
| I do NOT want any advertizing via Email. Who ever |
| sends unsolicited advertizing via Email is risking |
| cancelation of internet service without refund and |
| possible prosecution for harrassment and/or fraud! |
| Any email replies from newsgroups might be replied |
| to publicly in the newsgroup/s it originated from. |
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[3]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| My webpage contains many interesting URL's to try! |
| Webpage: http://www.caprica.com/~ted/main.html |
| Lots of free interesting info & NO junk-mail robot! |
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[4]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| Come browse the free Taral Hicks Fan Club Webpage! |
| It's at: http://www.caprica.com/~ted/taralfan.html |
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[5]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| Don't even bother griping about my signature file. |
| Gripes about my sig file ARE "unwanted email" and |
| can ONLY get you a harsh reply, but NEVER a change. |
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| Add me to your killfile, jump to the next message, |
| flip the page or just ignore the sig file content, |
| but have the maturity not to whine like a big baby. |
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238. RE: HRO's catalog of LIES!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ted <ted@GetOutOfSpamFree.Card>
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.91.970414050055.11379L-100000@prog1.caprica.com>
Source record: 2787
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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| not all bunched together & delete any excess quotes. |
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> HRO

Aww... just go back to driving your Yellow Cab, Mr. Birdi.

Ted (ted@caprica.com)

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[2]-----------------------------------------------------+
| My Email is neither a newsgroup or a public forum! |
| I do NOT want any advertizing via Email. Who ever |
| sends unsolicited advertizing via Email is risking |
| cancelation of internet service without refund and |
| possible prosecution for harrassment and/or fraud! |
| Any email replies from newsgroups might be replied |
| to publicly in the newsgroup/s it originated from. |
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[3]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| My webpage contains many interesting URL's to try! |
| Webpage: http://www.caprica.com/~ted/main.html |
| Lots of free interesting info & NO junk-mail robot! |
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[4]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| Come browse the free Taral Hicks Fan Club Webpage! |
| It's at: http://www.caprica.com/~ted/taralfan.html |
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|
[5]-------------------------+---------------------------+
| Don't even bother griping about my signature file. |
| Gripes about my sig file ARE "unwanted email" and |
| can ONLY get you a harsh reply, but NEVER a change. |
| Add me to your killfile, jump to the next message, |
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| flip the page or just ignore the sig file content, |
| but have the maturity not to whine like a big baby. |
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239. Re: FS- Pro 2006

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: feinstei@mailhost.fsic.ford.com
Message-ID: <5j0eig$s0o1@eccws1.dearborn.ford.com>
Source record: 2788
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap

"The Manning's" <silverd@datasync.com> wrote:

>For sale. Pro 2006
>$500.00 + S&H
>silverd@datasync.com

I reply:
You must have made a typo. Perhaps $300.00 would be more reasonable????!!!

240. Re: HRO's catalog of LIES!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tim Robertson <timr@gorge.net>
Message-ID: <33555D54.476F@gorge.net>
Source record: 2789
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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> | To send me email, you MUST change the "To:" header! |
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> > Don't be a baby! If you shop around a bit and if you knew anything about
> > HRO
>
> By the way, Rocco, who gave you permission to add more newsgroups to MY
> thread?
>
Didn't know we were obligated to ask your permission??
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241. FS: Complete Ham Radio Station/Kenwood TS 680

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don & Monica Casella <casella1@ziplink.net>
Message-ID: <335698E2.2814@ziplink.net>
Source record: 2790
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,ne.forsale,rec.ham-radio.swap

Entire H.F. Station for sale:

Kenwood TS 680S HF with 6 meters.
-100 watts on all bands, 20 watts on 6 meters, all mode.
- Narrow CW filter
- SP 430 matching external speaker
- AEA model ET-1 HF antenna tuner
- 20 Amp power supply
- Orig. box, manual, and service manual.
$900.00 including shipping continental U.S.

Misc. Ham equipment:

AEA PK-88 packet controller.
- includes MFJ TNC/MIC switch for Kenwood/Alinco radios.
- Orig. box and manual
- Serial Cable/Audio Cable/Microphone Cable.
$75.00 including shipping continental U.S.

MFJ Model 1796 Vertical Antenna:
- Covers 2, 6, 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters.
- Pick up or delivery near Hartford, CT
$100.00

Will split up station if necessary. Please e-mail me if interested.

The only reason for selling is that I am attending grad school and
working full time and will not be using the gear for a number of years.

242. Re: FS- Pro 2006

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: George DuBord <duby@evansville.net>
Message-ID: <335AA47A.5685@evansville.net>
Source record: 2791
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap

Fredric J. Einstein wrote:
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> >$500.00 + S&H
> >silverd@datasync.com
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> I reply:
> You must have made a typo. Perhaps $300.00 would be more
> reasonable????!!!

REALLYY HHHHHAAAAHHHHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHHHHAHAHAHHAHAHAHAHAAAAAAAHAH
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243. Program MX300-S Proms

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D. F. Cimperman, Jr." <cimperman@tusco.net>
Message-ID: <01bc4f5a$a1a494e0$6562cecf@dcimp>
Source record: 2792
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.internet,alt.radio.scanner,hh.hamradio,in.ham-radio,man.ham-radio,mot.forsale,pl.rec.radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.r

I am looking for a shop to program several MX300-S Proms I have, If you have a R-1800 Programer, Let me know, I would like a few portables checked out, and programed. E-Mail Me with Cost for programing a 48 Ch prom, and check out the radio.

Thanks In advance.

Dave
--
D. F. Cimperman, Jr.
Pager Central
116 North Broadway
New Philadelphia, Ohio. 44663

244. Informatory "radio" Web Site!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb9dbc@usa.net
Message-ID: <5jpifa$l6k@nntp.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2793
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.scanner,alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio

I have compiled an Informatory Radio WWW page consisting of several different links to other radio pages across the web. Check it out...you might even find your web page being referenced. If you don't, drop me an email, and I'd be more than happy to add it if it contributes to the well being of the hobby of Radio.

73 es gud dx! Happy Scanning!

Gregg, KB9DBC
kb9dbc@usa.net

245. Re: Informatory "radio" Web Site!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb9dbc@usa.net
Message-ID: <5jqa1h$osv@nntp.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2794
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.scanner,alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio

I, however, neglected to put the URL! (**SORRY! It was 1:30 AM when
I posted this article, and was trying to cure my insomnia!)

http://members.tripod.com/~kb9dbc

Hope this helps in the search for my web site!

Gregg, KB9DBC
kb9dbc@usa.net

kb9dbc@usa.net (Gregg Sperling) wrote:

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>different links to other radio pages across the web. Check it
>out...you might even find your web page being referenced. If you
>don't, drop me an email, and I'd be more than happy to add it if it
>contributes to the well being of the hobby of Radio.

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>Gregg, KB9DBC
>kb9dbc@usa.net

246. Re: Informatory "radio" Web Site!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-2504970856420001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2795
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.scanner,alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio

What's the URL??????????????????

In article <5jpifa$l6k@nntp.interaccess.com>, kb9dbc@usa.net wrote:

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> 73 es gud dx! Happy Scanning!
>
> Gregg, KB9DBC
> kb9dbc@usa.net

247. *REVISED: Informatory Web Site!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb9dbc@usa.net
Message-ID: <5jrggl$522@nntp.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2796
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.scanner,alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio

*** THE URL IS: http://members.tripod.com/~kb9dbc ***

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73 es gud dx! Happy Scanning!

Gregg, KB9DBC
kb9dbc@usa.net

248. FS:Laptop

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: N7RCM@Bluehawk.com
Message-ID: <5k2fsb$gq@phxls1.cybervault.com>
Source record: 2797
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap

I have a 386SX16 laptop, it has 1meg ram, 80meg hd, mono vga screen. Comes with carry case, pwr/charger for home and cord for pwr/charge in vehicle.

Used this for portable packet and tracking sats while out DXing.

Asking price is $250 obo plus shipping.

Thanks de N7RCM....Juan in Las Vegas

Jeniku Electronics' quote of the day.
The computer did it

249. Standards on-line?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rob Bailey <wm8s@pobox.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5437$646b0140$707e65ce@wm8s-1>
Source record: 2798
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.commercial-lmr,rec.radio.noncomm,rec.radio.scanner,rec.ra

Working on a baseband sub-processor for killer homebrew rig and need some help: I know of the following commonly used signalling formats - are there others? Especially looking for formats that are public or at least published somewhere. The following list contains lots of (R), TM, etc. - ownership as applicable where not noted:

Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System (CTCSS)
Digital Coded Squelch (DCS)
Single Frequency, Two-tone Sequential like
Motorola Modified General Encoding Code Plan
Motorola General Encoding Code Plan
Motorola Code Type Assignment Method
Metro-Page 10 and 100 Code Plan
Motorola Sub-Audible Code Plan
Modax / Moden / Alert Center Code Plan
GE Code Plan
Quick Call (Code Type Y)
Decimal Digital (5/6) Paging
HF AIRINC SELCAL 2+2 Paging (aviation)
DTMF Code Squelch / ANI
DTMF Paging (the nnn*mmm kind mostly amateurs use)
DTMF Messaging (the Kenwood kind; anybody know if it's on-line anywhere?)
ASCII ANI
Trunked - Motorola
Trunked - Logical Trunked Radio (LTR-E J Johnson)
Trunked - EDACS (GE)
Trunked - SmarTrunk
Single-frequency Inversion
Split-band Frequency Inversion
CODEC means, like Moto ASTRO, SecureNet, GE SecureGuard, etc.
AX.25 Packet (HF, VHF, 9600 baud)
RTTY (all modes, shifts, etc.)
CW (A1 and A2)
SSTV (all modes)
Digital Selective Calling (maritime)
Emergency Alert System (new) and EBS (old)
IMTS (is this still on the air anywhere?)
Station control tones like
Non-Simulcast Key Command Function Tones
Simulcast Key Command Function Tones
Station Group Disable (Knock-down) Tones
The International Radiotelegraph Alarm (maritime)

The International Radiotelephone Alarm (maritime)
Class A/B EPIRB Sweep Alarm

Thanks!

73 de Rob wm8s@pobox.com

250. Mods for Kenwood TM-261?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bryan Lawson <Lucky13@vvm.com>
Message-ID: <336694F5.70E7@vvm.com>
Source record: 2799
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

Anyone know of any mods for the Kenwood TM-261?

Bryan Lawson
KC5ZEZ
Killeen, Texas

251. Wireless Communication (Wireless Modem)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-04-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at
Message-ID: <5k76it$65h@cantine.wu-wien.ac.at>
Source record: 2800
Cross-posted to: misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,fj.rec.ham,linux.dev.hams,rec.ham-radio,sci.electronics,tw.bbs.sci.electronics,aus.electronics,francom.electronique

Hi,
In the last year we made a design and a complete FPGA for a wireless
data communication. As our time is very rare now, we cannot finish the modem
for ourselves.

We are looking for interested people who would finish the produkt and test it.
The success of the product would be shared afterwards.

Here are some more Informations:
The wireless modem consists of an analogue and digital part. The complete
modulation is digitally done by a FPGA. Moreover the FPGA does a complete
CRC-Check and has a programmable synthesizer.
The analogue part consists of a sender and receiver part. For the analogue part
exists a complete design and moreover some experiences due to some tests.
The digital part consists of a communication part with the FPGA and another
communication part via a RS232. For this job we thought about a microprocessor
(e.g. PIC).

The FPGA is complete and simulated. You can find more information about the
FPGA at the WWW-address:
http://dezi.wu-wien.ac.at/~dusty/projekte/lddt.html

The wireless modem is designed to work at CB-band or 40 mhz frequencies.
Due to a smart 4-phase modulation we can reach data transfer-rates of up
to 9600 baud at a 10khz bandwith and around 100kbaud at around 100khz. The
FPGA could also handle transferrates of up to 1Mbit, but therefore the design
would have to be altered. (analogue part)

A big advantage of this design is the secure connection due to CRC-checks and
due to the possibility to buffer data. This leads to a minimal CPU-Usage of
e.g. a PC connected to the wireless modem. Hence it is possible to connect
dumb terminals or to use the modem for complex remote-controls.

The price for the electronic components are around 80 to 100 USD.

Here is my address for everyone who is interested:

Hermann Himmelbauer
3400 Klosterneuburg
Konradtgasse 13
Tel.: +43/2243/22-305
Fax.: +43/2243/22-305-27
Email: dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at

Best Regards,
Hermann Himmelbauer

P.S.: Please reply by mail and not through a followup

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Hermann Himmelbauer
E-Mail: Hermann.Himmelbauer@wu-wien.ac.at
Addr.: A-3400 Klosterneuburg Konradtg. 13 Austria
Tel/Fax: ++43 2243 22305
To retrieve my public pgp: "finger dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at"

252. Re: Wireless Communication (Wireless Modem)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: wallace <ke4cru@stc.net>
Message-ID: <336969C6.1FD2@stc.net>
Source record: 2801
Cross-posted to: misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,fj.rec.ham,linux.dev.hams,rec.ham-radio,sci.electronics,tw.bbs.sci.electronics,aus.electronics,francom.electronique

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> communication part via a RS232. For this job we thought about a microprocessor
> (e.g. PIC).
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> The FPGA is complete and simulated. You can find more information about the
> FPGA at the WWW-address:
> http://dezi.wu-wien.ac.at/~dusty/projekte/lddt.html
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> The wireless modem is designed to work at CB-band or 40 mhz frequencies.
> Due to a smart 4-phase modulation we can reach data transfer-rates of up
> to 9600 baud at a 10khz bandwith and around 100kbaud at around 100khz. The
> FPGA could also handle transferrates of up to 1Mbit, but therefore the design
> would have to be altered. (analogue part)
>
> A big advantage of this design is the secure connection due to CRC-checks and
> due to the possibility to buffer data. This leads to a minimal CPU-Usage of
> e.g. a PC connected to the wireless modem. Hence it is possible to connect
> dumb terminals or to use the modem for complex remote-controls.
>
> The price for the electronic components are around 80 to 100 USD.
>
> Here is my address for everyone who is interested:
>
> Hermann Himmelbauer
> 3400 Klosterneuburg
> Konradtgasse 13

> Tel.: +43/2243/22-305
> Fax.: +43/2243/22-305-27
> Email: dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at
>
> Best Regards,
> Hermann Himmelbauer
>
> P.S.: Please reply by mail and not through a followup
>
> --
> Hermann Himmelbauer
> E-Mail: Hermann.Himmelbauer@wu-wien.ac.at
> Addr.: A-3400 Klosterneuburg Konradtg. 13 Austria
> Tel/Fax: ++43 2243 22305
> To retrieve my public pgp: "finger dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at"

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****
Wallace A.Butler KE4CRU
U.S.M.C. The One And Only
<<<<<<<<Semper Fi>>>>>>>>
****

253. Re: Wireless Communication (Wireless Modem)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: wallace <ke4cru@stc.net>
Message-ID: <33696A1E.7A98@stc.net>
Source record: 2802
Cross-posted to: misc.industry.electronics.marketplace,fj.rec.ham,linux.dev.hams,rec.ham-radio,sci.electronics,tw.bbs.sci.electronics,aus.electronics,francom.electronique

Hermann Himmelbauer wrote:
>
> Hi,
> In the last year we made a design and a complete FPGA for a wireless
> data communication. As our time is very rare now, we cannot finish the modem
> for ourselves.
>
> We are looking for interested people who would finish the produkt and test it.
> The success of the product would be shared afterwards.
>
> Here are some more Informations:
> The wireless modem consists of an analogue and digital part. The complete
> modulation is digitally done by a FPGA. Moreover the FPGA does a complete
> CRC-Check and has a programmable synthesizer.
> The analogue part consists of a sender and receiver part. For the analogue part
> exists a complete design and moreover some experiences due to some tests.
> The digital part consists of a communication part with the FPGA and another
> communication part via a RS232. For this job we thought about a microprocessor
> (e.g. PIC).
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> The FPGA is complete and simulated. You can find more information about the
> FPGA at the WWW-address:
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> Due to a smart 4-phase modulation we can reach data transfer-rates of up
> to 9600 baud at a 10khz bandwith and around 100kbaud at around 100khz. The
> FPGA could also handle transferrates of up to 1Mbit, but therefore the design
> would have to be altered. (analogue part)
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> dumb terminals or to use the modem for complex remote-controls.
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> Hermann Himmelbauer
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> P.S.: Please reply by mail and not through a followup
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> Hermann Himmelbauer
> E-Mail: Hermann.Himmelbauer@wu-wien.ac.at
> Addr.: A-3400 Klosterneuburg Konradtg. 13 Austria
> Tel/Fax: ++43 2243 22305
> To retrieve my public pgp: "finger dusty@dezi.wu-wien.ac.at"
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Wallace A.Butler KE4CRU
U.S.M.C. The One And Only
<<<<<<<<Semper Fi>>>>>>>>
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254. For Sale Yaesu Ft - 840

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: "CHARLES M. FRANCER" <francer@usa1.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5744$154d2060$a8e1f9cc@default>
Source record: 2803
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.amateur,alt.radio-shack,att.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE:
Yaesu FT 840 in NEW Condition. I added optional FM
unit and includes the optional mobile bracket. This is a current model,
not a discontinued one.

The rig has 100 memories and dual vfo's. The price is reduced to $650(
firm) plus shipping. I used the radio very little times. Great H.F. rig
for a potential or General ticket holder. Easy to use! I got the rig in
anticipation of upgrading to General, but haven't had the time. Lots of
nice features. Dual VFO's.

Very nice clean rig, though...

Please send e-mail to: n1rpd@amsat.org or francer@usa1.com
Charles Francer
N1RPD

73

255. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: olyellr@iglou.com
Message-ID: <E9LAxL.BvE@iglou.com>
Source record: 2804
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com (Michael P. Deignan) wrote:

>In article <01bc37bd$06503e40$97c1e1ce@carl.ais.net>,
> Carl R. Stevenson <carl@ais.net> wrote:

>>> People don't, usually, appreciate the value behind learning the morse
>>> code until they have used it for some time.
>>
>>Most of us who did invest large amounts of time and effort learning
>>the code, still do not see any value

>Ah, so now the truth starts to shine its ugly head.

>Carl invested "large amounts of time and effort learning the code".

>Yet, Carl is a 5WPM, coded tech.

>Thus, we now know why Carl never upgraded. Code doesn't come
>easily to him. It requires a great deal of effort for him to
>learn.

>So, rather than put the effort in, Carl has remained a coded
>tech for 20+ years.

>Now, he wants to eliminate the code so he can "upgrade". In
>other words, its that typical welfare-state mentality. Carl
>wants something for nothing.

>MD
>--
>-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
>-- with my guns.
>--
>-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

Yes....poor Carl.....and after spending all that time and
effort......still misses the point.

If a person doesn't want to learn code, fine. Don't learn
it. But don't whine about it and use excuses like "the
state of radio today" or some such nonsense.

With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
it isn't that hard anyway.

Mike L. ke4hlu (another 5wp tech....looking forward to passing the
13 next month)

256. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5kfg6g$ls1@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2805
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
>Yes....poor Carl.....and after spending all that time and
>effort......still misses the point.

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>it. But don't whine about it and use excuses like "the
>state of radio today" or some such nonsense.

>With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
> it isn't that hard anyway.

Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
should anyone now be orced to learn morse code? That is
the issue. Morse code only has value an an entertainment
mode for personal use...and as such has no reason to be
a requirment.

There's no safety reason for morse, no technical reasons
at all. Morse is not used in any manner that suggests any
need for all HF licnesees o know morse.

Morse should be strictly an optional choice to learn and
use.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

257. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336B84F1.3502@delphi.com>
Source record: 2806
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
> With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
> it isn't that hard anyway. Mike L. ke4hlu

Hi Mike, what about my friend with a commercial radio license,
years of experience as a broadcast engineer, who spent hundreds
of hours over 20 years and never got to 13wpm? Some otherwise
normal people cannot learn 13wpm no matter how hard they try.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

258. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kg1fm$sea@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2807
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <336B84F1.3502@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
writes:
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>olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
>> With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
>> it isn't that hard anyway. Mike L. ke4hlu
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>years of experience as a broadcast engineer, who spent hundreds
>of hours over 20 years and never got to 13wpm? Some otherwise
>normal people cannot learn 13wpm no matter how hard they try.

W-A-V-I-E-R

73,
Mike, KK6GM

259. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: hossie <hossie@getonthe.net>
Message-ID: <336BC298.6125@getonthe.net>
Source record: 2808
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl wrote:
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> olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
> >Yes....poor Carl.....and after spending all that time and
> >effort......still misses the point.
>
> >If a person doesn't want to learn code, fine. Don't learn
> >it. But don't whine about it and use excuses like "the
> >state of radio today" or some such nonsense.
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> >With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
> > it isn't that hard anyway.
>
> Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
> the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
> should anyone now be orced to learn morse code? That is
> the issue. Morse code only has value an an entertainment
> mode for personal use...and as such has no reason to be
> a requirment.
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> There's no safety reason for morse, no technical reasons
> at all. Morse is not used in any manner that suggests any
> need for all HF licnesees o know morse.
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> Morse should be strictly an optional choice to learn and
> use.
>
> Bill Sohl K2UNK
> ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
> Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

Oh, come on, Bill! I think prospective hams should demonstrate an ability to make a coherer/decoherer, a sal ammonical wet rectifier, and a rotary spark-ga transmitter. Do away with those silly solid-state theory questions on the exams and test for important knowledge, like Type 57 plate characteristics and self-rectification. Don't forget a section on the pghlogiston theory of heat transfer.

We must keep the hobby pure!

KC0ES (with tongue firmly in cheeck)

260. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Howard Coleman W6HQA <w6hqa@west.net>
Message-ID: <336BCA79.CAEC6F93@west.net>
Source record: 2809
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore wrote:
>
> olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
> > With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
> > it isn't that hard anyway. Mike L. ke4hlu
>
> Hi Mike, what about my friend with a commercial radio license,
> years of experience as a broadcast engineer, who spent hundreds
> of hours over 20 years and never got to 13wpm? Some otherwise
> normal people cannot learn 13wpm no matter how hard they try.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

If your friend was able to pass the 5 wpm, then a waver may be possible based upon a learning disability. I do not mean that as a derogatory statement against your friend or any others that have tried and tried to obtain the 13 wpm. It is a foreign language and to some, learning a foreign language is an impossibility.

73 Howard W6HQA

261. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu
Message-ID: <5kgig2$87e@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Source record: 2810
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote:
>olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
>> With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
>> it isn't that hard anyway. Mike L. ke4hlu

>Hi Mike, what about my friend with a commercial radio license,
>years of experience as a broadcast engineer, who spent hundreds
>of hours over 20 years and never got to 13wpm? Some otherwise
>normal people cannot learn 13wpm no matter how hard they try.

How about a medical waiver? Did you tell him that over 95% of the US
amateur spectrum is available via a code-free license?

I wanted to become a commercial airline pilot but couldn't pass the
FAA eye exam, so I chose another career. Maybe your friend should also
realize his limitations (especially after 20 years) and try persuing
another field of interest.

Followup directed to .policy,
Jeff KH2PZ

262. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tom Bean <muybean@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <336BE7F8.63D@worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2811
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
>
> > Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
> > the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
> > should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?
>
> No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT! You ARE whining. If
> you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.
> But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that
> simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than
> there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
>
> --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
>
> For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA

I've been lurking here as I have only just started studying for a
license, and the code is obviously controversial, however I haven't
found a post yet explaining w-h-y it is a requirement. It seems
there must be more of a reason than just "because". The analogies
offered seem a bit odd also ie., bad eyesight kept me from flying
so if you can't learn the code find a different hobby. (huh?)
If it is only an arbritrary requirement then why not require
fluency in French and the ability to do 200 push-ups?

Signed, a no code sorry ass loser for now <vbg>
--

Tom Bean
muybean@worldnet.att.net

"I fly because it releases my mind from the
tyranny of petty things."
Antoine de St-Exupery

263. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336C1232.638B@delphi.com>
Source record: 2812
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

michael silva wrote:
> W-A-V-I-E-R Mike, KK6GM

Why should he get a waiver? There is absolutely nothing wrong
with him! The wrongness is in the Morse code testing requirement.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

264. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336C1683.6EFA@delphi.com>
Source record: 2813
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Tom Bean wrote:
> The analogies
> offered seem a bit odd also ie., bad eyesight kept me from flying
> so if you can't learn the code find a different hobby. (huh?)

Hi Tom, welcome to r.r.a.policy. If Morse code testing were eliminated, the hobby would be populated by RF electronic engineers and that would make all the electronically ignorant hams miserable. Morse code is their only claim to fame. If Morse code testing were eliminated, they would be the ones labeled "not real hams" and that feeling is eating them alive.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

265. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336C200E.6408@delphi.com>
Source record: 2814
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Howard Coleman W6HQA wrote:
> If your friend was able to pass the 5 wpm, then a waver may be possible
> based upon a learning disability.

Dear Howard, he is not disabled. He is brilliant and learns faster than most. Can't anybody understand - there is nothing wrong with this guy. Most of us would be lucky to have a brain equal to his.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

266. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5826$4a23e840$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2670
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
> the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
> should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?

No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT! You ARE whining. If you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19. But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!

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For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA

267. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5kgsdh$q4l@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2671
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Joe Mama" <up@yours.com> wrote:

>> Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
>> the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
>> should anyone now be forced to learn morse code?

>No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT!

I knew when I wrote the above that someone with a total lack of logic
would again offer the reason that "BECAUSE IT IS A
REQUIREMENT" is the self justifying reason.

> You ARE whining. If
>you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.

Check my license Mr Joe.

>But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that
>simple.

Been there, done tha...now what do you say?

> You won't EVER get it changed.

Change it will, it is just a matter of when.

> There are allot more of us than
>there are of you. Get it?

Careful now. If you don't see the steady shift away
from code support then you are incredibly naive. The
ARRL survey resulted in a majority, but nowhere of
the same magnitude as was the case even 5
years ago. The volume of nocode license holders
continues to increase while coded classes barely
remain constant in numbers. Additionally,
with time, more and more traditionalists will die
off also.

>Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!

Guess you can't read the callsign database.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

268. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5kgsto$q5s@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2672
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Joe Mama" <up@yours.com> wrote:

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>For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA

A prime example of a post from someone that won't discuss
issues and prefers to label people.

When you can't rationally debate any issue,
it is the losers that resort to name calling.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

269. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kh61e$8tl@sjx-ixn10.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2673
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <336C1683.6EFA@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
writes:

>...If Morse code testing were eliminated,
>the hobby would be populated by RF electronic engineers and that would
>make all the electronically ignorant hams miserable.

It's already happened above 30 MHz. I'm sure everybody agrees that
Techs have more RF savvy than any other license class, thus proving
Cecil correct.

73,
Mike, KK6GM

270. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kh6i4$1n1@dfw-ixnews4.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2674
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its
that
>simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than
>there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
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>--... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
>
>For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA

And for you loser Cecil and Bill Sohl and Gary and most of the others
who propose removing the code hazing are in fact Advanced or higher.
Too much wetware decoding kill your ability to read a callbook or do
you just like being ignorant.

You attitude and shining example make me want to get the old key out,
they sure do. BTW code has not done much for your spelling.

Jerry

271. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5kh6f1$no3@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2675
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5kgsdh$q4l@jupiter.planet.net>,
Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote:

>ARRL survey resulted in a majority, but nowhere of
>the same magnitude as was the case even 5
>years ago.

5 years ago we didn't have a welfare license.

>The volume of nocode license holders continues to increase

Recent statistics posted here have indicated that even the
codeless license is beginning to see a drop off in interest
(i.e. the pool of people who were going to be attracted to
amateur radio by the codeless license have already become
licensed.)

This, coupled with the fact that the codeless license is
now considered the "entry level" license in amateur radio
suggests at most the levels might increase marginally, but
not substantially, over the next 5 years.

>while coded classes barely remain constant in numbers. Additionally,
>with time, more and more traditionalists will die
>off also.

Since nobody has posted anything suggesting what the attrition rate
through death is in the higher license classes, we'll have to assume
it is linear. If, as you suggest, the coded license classes have
"barely remained constant", this suggests that an equal number of
people are gaining higher license classes as those who are dying off.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

272. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bryan Lawson <lucky13@vvm.com>
Message-ID: <5khcku$obf@newshost.vvm.com>
Source record: 2676
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Joe Mama wrote:
>> --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
>>
>> For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA

I have no problem with code being a requirement. I think it offers those who do not know code a challenge or goal to work towards in order to gain more privileges. It stresses technical competency.

Just because one doesn't know code doesn't make them a "loser". I don't know code (yet), but I am still a licensed amateur radio operator. I enjoy the friendly people on the local people, and I occassionally make a dx contacts with a friendly ham. I'm just happy that, and I really hate to use this expression, "assholes" like K4XA aren't one of the people I have spoken with.

Just because you may know code doesn't make you high and mighty. You have just found the time to learn code. Some people like myself have 2 jobs and could barely find the time to study for and take the no-code tech exam. The code will come in time, and once I learm it I will find the common decency to help others along in a more professional manner, rather than condemn them for not knowing code.

Sir, I seriously doubt that your name is Joe Mama. I challenge you to drop the alias and come back to the real world. Use your knowledge to help others along and be a bit more professional in you explanation of why certaian things are required. Although you know code, you put your pants on the same way I and all of the other no-code techs do - one leg at a time.

Bryan Lawson
, KC5ZEZ

Killeen, Texas

273. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336C9BC2.7A1C@delphi.com>
Source record: 2677
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bryan Lawson wrote:
> It (code) stresses technical competency.

Hi Bryan, in no way does Morse code stress technical competency. It is a skill and cannot be classified as technical. IMO, the only reason that it is kept as a testing requirement is a welfare benefit for the technically handicapped who couldn't pass a reasonable technical exam. The fact that Len Winkler's WOG suggestion hasn't been taken seriously pretty much proves it. How would it hurt the hobby to allow tech+'s who can pass all the written exams through extra, access to HF? It certainly would help the hobby to balance the black box operators with some technical talent.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

274. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <336c09ea.56142285@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2678
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sat, 03 May 1997 20:35:52 -0500, Tom Bean <muybean@worldnet.att.net> wrote:
>Joe Mama wrote:
>>
>> > Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
>> > the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
>> > should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?
>>
>> No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT! You ARE whining. If
>> you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.
>> But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that
>> simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than
>> there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
>>
>> --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
>>
>> For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA
>
>I've been lurking here as I have only just started studying for a
>license, and the code is obviously controversial, however I haven't
>found a post yet explaining w-h-y it is a requirement. It seems
>there must be more of a reason than just "because". The analogies
>offered seem a bit odd also ie., bad eyesight kept me from flying
>so if you can't learn the code find a different hobby. (huh?)
>If it is only an arbritrary requirement then why not require
>fluency in French and the ability to do 200 push-ups?

The pro-coders can't answer that. That's why they have to resort to whining "It's a requirement" as if that were carved in stone on a tablet delivered to Hiram Percy Maxim by a burning bush. Of course WRC-99 is scheduled to review the issue and there is a call for a showing of *compelling* reasons to retain S25.5.

None of the pro-code whiners can come up with one of course, so they can only act like little schoolyard brats and whine "It's the rules, it's the rules" as if that will have any impression on the *rulemakers*. Those who make the rules are intelligent enough to recognize a circular argument when they hear one.

The truth is that the ITU has already agreed to end the requirement for Morse speed testing for every radio service except amateur (and that exception is only because no WRC has addressed amateur rules in the last decade). No compelling arguments could be made for its retention in any other service. In 1999 it will be amateur radio's turn to face the ITU and try to convince them to retain the Morse speed testing requirement exclusively for amateur radio. If the life safety services couldn't make a case for it, amateurs are going to find

it very hard to do so despite the whining of the pro-coders.

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275. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Mitchell B. Hamm" <mitch@palmtop.net>
Message-ID: <336C9F20.58A1A14@palmtop.net>
Source record: 2679
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Looks like a long, heated and varying argument and one that I have chosen not to become a part of...until now.

Because I didn't think I could comment until I had experienced both sides of the argument.

I got my No-Code Technician license on 3/10/97 and yesterday (5/3/97) upgraded to Extra when I passed my 1C test. The code requirement scared me to death when I got into this and I figured I would be on VHF/UHF for a long time before dipping down into HF land. That was not the case.

I am no CW expert, that's for sure. I have never even made a CW QSO, but with a little study each day for a month and a half, the test was doable. As for carrying on a QSO at 20 wpm, not going to happen. Not by me and not for a long time. CW is a language and until you have the reflex to hear -.-. [dah di dah di] and C [see] with the same speed and comprehension, you just can't do it comfortably.

So, for the folks that think they can't do the code, you really can. In these modern times in which we live, you shouldn't have to, but you can. Study it, learn it, pass the test and forget about it if it's not your cup of tea. Get your Extra and then give some of the old guys static for not upgrading their General or Advanced tickets. :)

I don't think the code requirement will be dropped for a while and if they go back to 1 minute perfect copy for the tests, it will be a lot harder.

Peace!

73 de Mitch KC8GJI/AE

276. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: charles1@netcom.com
Message-ID: <charles1E9ny4u.tK@netcom.com>
Source record: 2680
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc5826$4a23e840$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>,
Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote:
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>there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
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KB0WOB general class

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277. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: charles1@netcom.com
Message-ID: <charles1E9nyEo.13u@netcom.com>
Source record: 2681
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5khcku$obf@newshost.vvm.com>, Bryan Lawson <lucky13@vvm.com> wrote:
>>Joe Mama wrote:
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>more privileges. It stresses technical competency.
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> Just because one doesn't know code doesn't make them a "loser". I don't
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>the friendly people on the local people, and I occassionally make a dx
>contacts with a friendly ham. I'm just happy that, and I really hate to
>use this expression, "assholes" like K4XA aren't one of the people I have
>spoken with.
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>Just because you may know code doesn't make you high and mighty. You have
>just found the time to learn code. Some people like myself have 2 jobs and
>could barely find the time to study for and take the no-code tech exam.
>KC5ZEZ

That is exactly what the old foggie pro-coders rely on.
Keeping the code requirement insures them that the HF airwaves
will not be used by anyone under 65 years of age. They don't
have the time to waste learning CW!

KB0WOB general

278. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <336c100d.57713525@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2682
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sat, 03 May 1997 16:30:01 -0700, Howard Coleman W6HQA <w6hqa@west.net> wrote:
>Cecil A. Moore wrote:
>>
>> olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
>> > With all the tools available today to learn the code with,
>> > it isn't that hard anyway. Mike L. ke4hlu
>>
>> Hi Mike, what about my friend with a commercial radio license,
>> years of experience as a broadcast engineer, who spent hundreds
>> of hours over 20 years and never got to 13wpm? Some otherwise
>> normal people cannot learn 13wpm no matter how hard they try.
>>
>> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>
>If your friend was able to pass the 5 wpm, then a waver may be possible
>based upon a learning disability. I do not mean that as a derogatory
>statement against your friend or any others that have tried and tried to
>obtain the 13 wpm. It is a foreign language and to some, learning a
>foreign language is an impossibility.
>
>73 Howard W6HQA

It isn't a language, Howard, foreign or otherwise. It is just an encoding
of alphabet, no different in principle from ASCII, Baudot, or EBDIC.
And it is quite crude compared to those other encodings. That's why
it has been abandoned by the rest of the communicaitons world as a
method of text transmission. Amateur radio is the last holdout against
modernization. That *should* be an embarrassment to any amateur
not locked in the throes of religious frenzy and bent on keeping amateur
radio in the Dark Ages.

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279. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <336c3e58.69565863@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2683
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On 4 May 1997 01:22:41 -0400, kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com (Michael P. Deignan) wrote:
>In article <5kgsdh$q4l@jupiter.planet.net>,
> Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote:

>>The volume of nocode license holders continues to increase
>
>Recent statistics posted here have indicated that even the
>codeless license is beginning to see a drop off in interest
>(i.e. the pool of people who were going to be attracted to
>amateur radio by the codeless license have already become
>licensed.)
>
>This, coupled with the fact that the codeless license is
>now considered the "entry level" license in amateur radio
>suggests at most the levels might increase marginally, but
>not substantially, over the next 5 years.

There was an initial surge of pent up demand when the code test free
Tech license was created which, of course, wasn't sustainable. But
the fact remains that amateur radio is now growing at a rate considerably
higher than in the 70s and 80s, and that's very good news indeed.

>>while coded classes barely remain constant in numbers. Additionally,
>>with time, more and more traditionalists will die
>>off also.
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>Since nobody has posted anything suggesting what the attrition rate
>through death is in the higher license classes, we'll have to assume
>it is linear. If, as you suggest, the coded license classes have
>"barely remained constant", this suggests that an equal number of
>people are gaining higher license classes as those who are dying off.

Actually, the information has been posted several times. The amateur
license class with the highest average age is General, followed by
Extra, Advanced, Novice, and the two Tech classes. The average
age spread between General and Tech is 20 years. Unless we have
some reason to believe that the life expectency of Generals is much
greater than Techs, there's no doubt that the older amateurs are
going to die off sooner than the younger ones. This demographic
shift is inevitable. Some Techs are upgrading, but the rate of upgrade
is much lower than the rate of entry, so we're seeing a shift in the
balance of power in amateur radio toward the VHF+ amateur and
away from the HF amateur.

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280. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5kij6r$phd@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2684
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <336c09ea.56142285@news.atl.bellsouth.net>,
Gary Coffman <ke4zv@bellsouth.net> wrote:

>>I've been lurking here as I have only just started studying for a
>>license, and the code is obviously controversial, however I haven't
>>found a post yet explaining w-h-y it is a requirement.
>
>The pro-coders can't answer that. That's why they have to resort to whining
>Hiram Percy Maxim by a

Typical anti-code "welfare state" rhetoric.

CW remains a requirement because the mode of operation is one of the
most popular on HF, surpassed only by SSB, and we don't have a SSB test
because the FCC assumes most people know how to push a button and speak
into a microphone.

When CW diminishs to be a popular HF mode, surpassed by other modes
(such as up-and-coming digital modes) then it is entirely reasonable to
replace the CW examination with an examination on another mode.

[blah blah blah, yada yada yada ...
more hate-filled rhetoric from Gary deleted]

>The truth is that the ITU has already agreed to end the requirement for Morse
>speed testing for every radio service except amateur (and that exception is
>only because no WRC has addressed amateur rules in the last decade). No
>compelling arguments could be made for its retention in any other service.

Q: Why exactly has the ITU agreed to end the requirement for Morse for every
radio service?

A: Because those services have adopted other modes of operation and have
by their actions eliminated morse.

Q: How does this differ from the Amateur Service?

A: The amateur service continues to use Morse heavily on HF.

Q: So what?

A: When morse use on HF declines, and other modes surpass it, then the
time will arrive to eliminate the examination.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have

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-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.
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281. QRZ KC5ZEZ BRYAN LAWSON

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c3$d2f3eec0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2685
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bryan Lawson <lucky13@vvm.com> wrote in article
<5khcku$obf@newshost.vvm.com>...
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> >> --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
> >>
> >> For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA
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> who do not know code a challenge or goal to work towards in order to gain
> more privileges. It stresses technical competency.
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> the friendly people on the local people, and I occassionally make a dx
> contacts with a friendly ham. I'm just happy that, and I really hate to
> use this expression, "assholes" like K4XA aren't one of the people I have
> spoken with.

Hi Bryan,

Sorry if you thought it was harsh, or if it offended you. But, according to your post, you intend to LEARN the code. So my post was not directed at you. Only the people who DON'T intend to learn it but continue to gripe about it. Also, to answer your question, it is required because the code is the simple core of amateur communications. If all else fails, you can still send code. Bottom line is it doesn't matter WHY its required. Only that it IS required. You don't have to be an ace at the code to upgrade. Its not that hard. And sorry, but it does not require that much time. I have 2 kids myself so I don't have much time at all. It requires effort and commitment and thats why most people piss and moan about it. Good luck, hope you get the up-grade you want.

73,
K4XA
Graham Crosby

282. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c5$71f1b9c0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2686
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Why should he get a waiver? There is absolutely nothing wrong
> with him! The wrongness is in the Morse code testing requirement.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>

Why is it wrong?

73,
K4XA

283. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c5$5269d380$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2687
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com>> Hi Tom, welcome to r.r.a.policy.

>If Morse code testing were eliminated,
> the hobby would be populated by RF electronic engineers and that would
> make all the electronically ignorant hams miserable. Morse code is their
> only claim to fame. If Morse code testing were eliminated, they would be
> the ones labeled "not real hams" and that feeling is eating them alive.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>
Gosh Cecil, last time I checked I had to pass the code test AND the theory
exam to get my Extra. So I guess I do know RF electronics!

73,
K4XA

284. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c6$0eda7ce0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2688
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> >Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
>
> Guess you can't read the callsign database.
>
> Bill Sohl K2UNK
> ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
> Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org
>

Hi Bill,

Yes I can, just didn't care what class you held. The code is required because it is amateur communication in its simplest form. Its the core of the hobby. Now, can we please DROP IT!

73, K4XA

285. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c4$da6de240$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2689
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> And for you loser Cecil and Bill Sohl and Gary and most of the others
> who propose removing the code hazing are in fact Advanced or higher.

Hazing? Hazing? What a bunch of crap!

> Too much wetware decoding kill your ability to read a callbook or do
> you just like being ignorant.

Nope, just didn't care what class license you held.

> You attitude and shining example make me want to get the old key out,
> they sure do. BTW code has not done much for your spelling.
>
> Jerry

Geeee Jerry, thanks for your stunning insight into code requirements. I'm just sick of this, can we drop it now? PLEASE?

73, K4XA

286. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c6$b8925d20$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2690
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> What a brave guy, forging your headers. You'd be surprised how fast
> things are changing. Code will eventually no longer be a licensing
> requirement.
>
> CrACKeD <cracked@primenet.com>
>

I guess using the name CrACKeD is the height of bravery! By the way, they already have a hobby where the code is not required. Its called CB.

73, K4XA

287. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58c7$391142e0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2691
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> >...If Morse code testing were eliminated,
> >the hobby would be populated by RF electronic engineers and that would
> >make all the electronically ignorant hams miserable.
>
> It's already happened above 30 MHz. I'm sure everybody agrees that
> Techs have more RF savvy than any other license class, thus proving
> Cecil correct.
>
> 73,
> Mike, KK6GM
>
>
No Mike, Everyone does not agree.

K4XA

288. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336CF780.15C5@delphi.com>
Source record: 2692
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

michael silva wrote:
> I'm sure everybody agrees that Techs have more RF savvy than any other
> license class, thus proving Cecil correct.

No smiley, so I don't know if this is an attempt at humor or not. Obviously, since the tech test is easier than the extra test, the extras are going to be more RF savvy. What I am saying is there would be many, many more extras if the Morse code testing requirement was lifted. I personally know about 25 degreed engineers with tech/general/advanced licenses who would upgrade to extra in a minute if it weren't for the Morse code testing requirement.

I've been away from this group for a few months. Coming down from a 30,000 ft. level it's pretty obvious that the Morse code testing requirement is the welfare state gift to technically challenged hams and most of the whining is coming from those hams given something for nothing by merely demonstrating a skill unrelated to and void of knowledge of electronics. To all who don't fall into that catagory, I'm not talking about you.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

289. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kiv1b$38r@dfw-ixnews7.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2693
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <336CF780.15C5@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
writes:
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>>other license class, thus proving Cecil correct.
>
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But I was just agreeing with you...

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>extras are going to be more RF savvy. What I am saying is there would
>be many, many more extras if the Morse code testing requirement was
>lifted.

Ah, but that's nothing like what you said originally:

>>...If Morse code testing were eliminated,
>>the hobby would be populated by RF electronic engineers and that
>>would make all the electronically ignorant hams miserable.

Nothing whatsoever about extras. Since the Morse test *has been*
lifted in the Tech case your words would lead one to expect the Tech
ranks to "be populated by RF electronic engineers" to a greater degree
than the other coded classes.

> I personally know about 25 degreed engineers with
>tech/general/advanced licenses who would upgrade
>to extra in a minute if it weren't for the Morse code testing
>requirement.

So now the entire complaint is that they can't use the small Extra
segments?! Do they perhaps need to conduct their propagation studies
on 7.005 rather than 7.030?
>
>I've been away from this group for a few months. Coming down from a
>30,000 ft. level it's pretty obvious that the Morse code testing
>requirement is the welfare state gift to technically challenged hams

Hmmm, don't know what to make of that statement. Didn't you say just
above that the Extra <written implied> test was *harder* than the
no-code test? Contradictions abound...

73,
Mike, KK6GM

290. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Larry A. Warsinski" <lwarsins@up.net>
Message-ID: <01bc58e1$22704440$26f010d0@cmx00101.up.net>
Source record: 2694
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote in article
<5kij6r$phd@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
>
> CW remains a requirement because the mode of operation is one of the
> most popular on HF, surpassed only by SSB, and we don't have a SSB test
> because the FCC assumes most people know how to push a button and speak
> into a microphone.
>
> When CW diminishs to be a popular HF mode, surpassed by other modes
> (such as up-and-coming digital modes) then it is entirely reasonable to
> replace the CW examination with an examination on another mode.
>
Actually, you might be confusing cause and effect here. Perhaps the ONLY
reason CW remains a popular mode is because the requirement still exists.
I've heard a lot of accusations of "welfare state whining" leveled against
the no-code people, but the pro-code rhetoric seems to follow the same idea
of welfare-state entitlements: You can't take away "our" bands and give
them to no-code people whose only claim to them is that they know the
technical aspects of radio -- they MUST learn code."

CW is diminishing, and the CW testing is given far more weight than the
mode deserves even with its historical roots. If you don't "know" SSB, you
can still get an HF license. If you don't know ATV, PACTOR, AMTOR, RTTY,
GTOR, or may of the other modes, you still can upgrade. Antiquated CW is
the ONLY PASS-FAIL mode. This simply is not right.

>
> >The truth is that the ITU has already agreed to end the requirement for
Morse
> >speed testing for every radio service except amateur (and that exception
is
> >only because no WRC has addressed amateur rules in the last decade). No
> >compelling arguments could be made for its retention in any other
service.
>
> Q: Why exactly has the ITU agreed to end the requirement for Morse for
every
> radio service?
>
> A: Because those services have adopted other modes of operation and have
> by their actions eliminated morse.
>
> Q: How does this differ from the Amateur Service?
>

> A: The amateur service continues to use Morse heavily on HF.
>
> Q: So what?
>
> A: When morse use on HF declines, and other modes surpass it, then the
> time will arrive to eliminate the examination.
>

SSB HAS surpassed HF. Go ahead and eliminate the exam! Pull the exam, and watch the use of CW fall to its natural level.

> MD
> --
> -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> -- with my guns.

(I like this --)

> --
> -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

And this works both ways <g>!

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--Larry A. Warsinski--
lwarsins@up.net

291. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Larry A. Warsinski" <lwarsins@up.net>
Message-ID: <01bc58e2$4b143540$26f010d0@cmx00101.up.net>
Source record: 2695
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc58c4$da6de240$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...

> Geeee Jerry, thanks for your stunning insight into code requirements. I'm
> just sick of this, can we drop it now? PLEASE?
>
> 73, K4XA
>

Having read the latest load posted in this string, including many from the above poster, I have come to the conclusion that he has realized that he is unable to defend his position in a rational manner, and wants to drop the discussion before he loses.

Yes, CW is required now. Some say the requirement will be dropped "over their dead body" -- perhaps that is what it will take. But why run ham radio into the ground just to hang on to this testing for on obsolete means of communication? Senseless!

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--Larry A. Warsinski--
lwarsins@up.net

292. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Todd Little <little@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <336D3BCD.41C1@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2696
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
>
> Larry A. Warsinski <lwarsins@up.net> wrote in article
>
> ----------SNIP----------
>
> > I have come to the conclusion that he has realized that he is
> > unable to defend his position in a rational manner, and wants to drop the
> > discussion before he loses.
> >
> > Yes, CW is required now. Some say the requirement will be dropped "over
> > their dead body" -- perhaps that is what it will take. But why run ham
> > radio into the ground just to hang on to this testing for on obsolete
> means
> > of communication? Senseless!
>
> > --Larry A. Warsinski--
>
> Hi Larry,
>
> I think you would be N8JPK. And a tech, unless you have up-graded since
> 4-19-94. My guess is you have not. Is the code the reason? Is that why you
> are so quick to defend the position of those who want to dumb the hobby
> down to the lowest common denominator?

Does that mean that learning Morse Code is smartening up amateur radio?
Emulating a piece of hardware and learning something that can probably
be taught to apes is an accomplishment?

> Much like the liberals want to do
> America? You can always be a CB operator you know. They don't require code.
> Burden of proof is on the prosecution. You show me any good reason to drop
> it, THEN I'll defend my position.

Spoken like a true redneck. Are you sure you aren't a CBer that stole
somone else's callsign? You sound a lot like channel 19.

Larry hit it on the mark based upon your latest tirade. Also based
upon your blind faith in Morse Code as opposed to knowledge in modern
communications you've demonstrated in your other posts, you'd appear
to be a prime example of any dumbing down that has gone on. Apparently
it is better to pound brass than hit the books.

73,
Todd

N9MWB

PS Please keep this stuff off rec.radio.amateur.misc and rec.ham-radio.
rec.radio.amateur.policy was specifically created to carry on
this topic.
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Unsolicited business offers sent to my e-mail address will be considered
a request for me to proofread the offer and in turn reimburse me $500
for my time and effort for each offer received. Receipt of said e-mail
constitutes acceptance of this offer. Let dick@durbin.senate.gov
and senator@moseley-braun.senate.gov know what you think of e-mail SPAM.

293. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: hossie <hossie@getonthe.net>
Message-ID: <336D4CE0.74C6@getonthe.net>
Source record: 2697
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Gary Coffman wrote:

> There was an initial surge of pent up demand when the code test free
> Tech license was created which, of course, wasn't sustainable. But
> the fact remains that amateur radio is now growing at a rate considerably
> higher than in the 70s and 80s, and that's very good news indeed.

When I went off the air eight years ago (bad case of computeritis), the Joplin MO hamfest was eight tables and a quart of ice cream in a local park.

Two weeks ago, I attended the current Joplin hamfest... a full convention center, over 200 tables rented, over 800 hams attending.

I was a charter member of the sponsoring club when it was founded seventeen years ago by a new Novice class. I served as club president there, also a president of a repeater club, published a monthly newsletter, sold a few articles to Wayne Gteene, and editorialized against the use of a truly outdated mode as a touchstone, a requirement for advancement. Even the Merchant Marine has quit requiring ratiotelegraph operators on shipboard. Sidebnd and digital communications have come of age.

Requiring code was, I argued, equicalent to requiring hams to build all of their gear, and have the station passed by an inspector prior to liciensing. There's nothing wrong with homebrew, but following the state of the art on your own is very difficult, and rarely seen these days. KUDOS to those who build their own multi-band, multi-mode receivers (I know one ham who does, and does a beautiful job of it), but the public officials here are most impressed by the legion of VHF stations which stand ready to track severe storms and provide early warning to local communities.

When I was licensed in 1979, some hams were upset by the "flood" of ex-CBers taking ham tests. The code test began losing all meaning back then as copies of official tests became available as "practice tapes." Then, the early volunteer examination program was riddled with corruption I know serveral "11-meter pirates" who co8uldn't honestly copy 5 wpm, yet hold Extra-Class tickets. Guess what? These guys almost all went on to set up digipeaters, ATV nets, emergency phone patches, and otherwise live up to the tradition of service of the ham community.

Today, I listen to the legion of no-code techs, and hear competent operating practices, on-aur courtesy, and nothing that should make any

amateur ashamed to display his or her license. I see, with the expansion of the hobby, Radio Shack getting re-involved with equipment and training, and more small specialty manufacturers opening their doors.

The new bunch are communicators by nature, often coming from the computer world now, instead of Class D Citizen's Band. They often take as much pride in their staions, theor operaing practices, and their public service as any Olde Pharte who had to slog eighty miles through ten-foot snow drifts on their bellies to take a code test in front of an FCC engineer.

Somehoe, despite the interia of the ARRL, the hobby is again viable. Thank Goodness!

hossie KC0ES

294. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com
Message-ID: <5kjl2b$rck@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2698
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <336D4CE0.74C6@getonthe.net>, hossie <hossie@getonthe.net> wrote:

>Requiring code was, I argued, equicalent to requiring hams to build all
>of their gear, and have the station passed by an inspector prior to
>liciensing.

Not a bad idea. It certainly would ensure people know what they are doing.

>There's nothing wrong with homebrew, but following the
>state of the art on your own is very difficult, and rarely seen these
>days.

Yeah, its much easier just to use plastic and buy a radio-in-a-box.

>the public officials here are most impressed by the legion of VHF
>stations which stand ready to track severe storms and provide early
>warning to local communities.

Public officials here look at hams as (rightfully so) a bunch of
shack-on-a-belt police-authority-wannabes.

>The code test began losing all meaning back
>then as copies of official tests became available as "practice tapes."

Wow. You could make millions selling them.

>Then, the early volunteer examination program was riddled with corruption.

If true back then, why would things be any different today?

>I know serveral "11-meter pirates" who co8uldn't honestly
>copy 5 wpm, yet hold Extra-Class tickets.

Yeah, and I know a lot of extra-class ticket holders who don't know
how to build dipoles too.

>Guess what? These guys
>almost all went on to set up digipeaters, ATV nets, emergency phone
>patches,

Not hard to pick up the phone, wait for UPS, plug in the AC power cord,
antenna connector, and a ground wire (optional).

>Today, I listen to the legion of no-code techs, and hear competent
>operating practices, on-aur courtesy, and nothing that should make any
>amateur ashamed to display his or her license.

Can you send me a tape? I can't find any of this locally on the two meter good-buddy boxes.

>I see, with the
>expansion of the hobby, Radio Shack getting re-involved with equipment
>and training, and more small specialty manufacturers opening their
>doors.

So, this explains why more and more amateur shops are closing their doors permanently from the amateur business (AEA, Tucker, etc.) and others are talking about slow sales and sagging profits from the amateur market (Icom/Yaesu/Kenwood)?

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

295. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336D6CFB.59B0@delphi.com>
Source record: 2699
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
> Gosh Cecil, last time I checked I had to pass the code test AND the theory
> exam to get my Extra. So I guess I do know RF electronics!

I think both sides will agree that the present written tests are trivial
and do not prove that any of us know RF electronics. I have heard the
most stupid questions from extras over on r.r.a.a. Would you be willing
to allow substitution of a EE degree for the 13wpm Morse code test? If not,
do you believe Morse code skill is more important than a EE degree?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

296. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336D6DE4.41E7@delphi.com>
Source record: 2700
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
> Why is it wrong?

Because it is exactly like requiring a horse riding test before being
allowed to drive a car.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

297. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336D71BC.1F9A@delphi.com>
Source record: 2701
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

michael silva wrote:
> Hmmm, don't know what to make of that statement. Didn't you say just
> above that the Extra <written implied> test was *harder* than the
> no-code test? Contradictions abound...

Mike, you know and I know that all the amateur radio written exams are trivial. The extra exam is easy, the tech even easier. The truth is that most EE's could pass all the written exams in their sleep. The only thing keeping these very desirable potential hams out of the hobby is the Morse code test. Where I work, most of the techs are EEs and are amazed that they are considered second class citizens by the pro-code crowd especially when those high-and-mighty pro-coders don't even know Ohm's law for complex loads.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

298. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336D73E3.20E7@delphi.com>
Source record: 2702
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
> If you want to be in a radio hobby that has no code requirement,
> they already have one. Its called CB.

Doesn't it seem a little unfair to you that CBers are allowed HF privileges without passing a Morse code test? That gives CBers more HF privileges than techs.

I said in my posting if what I was saying didn't describe you, then I was not talking about you. Wonder why you responded?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

299. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5824$ef161500$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2815
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Mike L. ke4hlu (another 5wp tech....looking forward to passing the
> 13 next month)
>
GOOD FOR YOU MIKE! Keep up the good work OM!

Graham
K4XA
(30+ WPM Extra Class)

300. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58eb$33bfd4e0$74029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2703
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
<336CF780.15C5@delphi.com>...

You contradict yourself Cecil! First you say:

>Obviously, since the tech test is easier than the extra test, the extras
are going to
> be more RF savvy. What I am saying is there would be many, many more
extras
> if the Morse code testing requirement was lifted.

DUH! Then you say:

>Morse code testing requirement is the welfare state gift to technically
challenged >hams and most of the whining is coming from those hams given
something for nothing >by merely demonstrating a skill unrelated to and
void of knowledge of electronics.
> To all who don't fall into that catagory, I'm not talking about you.

OK brain boy, then how are we "technically challenged"? When I got my Extra
I took a code test AND an electronics theory test that you yourself said
was harder than the tech test. So how was I "given something for nothing"?
I worked for it sport! I wasn't GIVEN anything! If you want to be in a
radio hobby that has no code requirement, they already have one. Its called
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Graham K4XA

301. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Joe Mama <up@yours.com>
Message-ID: <01bc58ed$26ce9ee0$74029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2704
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Larry A. Warsinski <lwarsins@up.net> wrote in article

----------SNIP----------

> I have come to the conclusion that he has realized that he is
> unable to defend his position in a rational manner, and wants to drop the
> discussion before he loses.
>
> Yes, CW is required now. Some say the requirement will be dropped "over
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Graham K4XA

302. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kjku3$7lc@sjx-ixn6.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2705
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <01bc58eb$33bfd4e0$74029ace@graham.surfsouth.com> "Joe Mama"
<up@yours.com> writes:
>
>Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
><336CF780.15C5@delphi.com>...
>
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>I worked for it sport! I wasn't GIVEN anything! If you want to be in a
>radio hobby that has no code requirement, they already have one. Its
called
>CB.
>
>Graham K4XA

Graham,

At the risk of starting a flame fest I will point out a few of your REALLY stupid assumptions. First you should really work on your reading comprehension. Cecil has never asked for and change in test for HIS benifit. Cecil like many others of us feel it is in the best interests of amateur radio to end the code hazing.

Cecil has been a ham for over 40 years he doesn't really need a radio hobby that has no code requirement since he has been doing just fine right here. I'm not quite sure what you had in mind with the last lines of your tirade but if you are infering that Cecil needs some help to get into ham radio you better look again at a call book.

Some one, I can't quite remember who, coined the phrase, "CBers that beep" for folk like you. It sure does fit.

Jerry

303. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kjlmu$85q@sjx-ixn6.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2706
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <01bc58c4$da6de240$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com> "Joe Mama"
<up@yours.com> writes:
>
>> And for you loser Cecil and Bill Sohl and Gary and most of the
others
>> who propose removing the code hazing are in fact Advanced or higher.
>
>
> Hazing? Hazing? What a bunch of crap!

A test or challenge that has no relevence to the goal sought=hazing and
I do agree it is indeed a bunch of crap perhaps there are other points
on which we agree.

>
>
>> Too much wetware decoding kill your ability to read a callbook or do
>> you just like being ignorant.
>
>
>Nope, just didn't care what class license you held.

Interesting and inovative way to slink away from a faux paus, new too 1
point for originality.

>
>
>> You attitude and shining example make me want to get the old key
out,
>> they sure do. BTW code has not done much for your spelling.
>>
>> Jerry
>
>Geeee Jerry, thanks for your stunning insight into code requirements.
I'm
>just sick of this, can we drop it now? PLEASE?
>
>73, K4XA

Hasn't been dropped for the past several decades I doubt we have the
power to stop this debate. If you are asking for mercy no problem I
almost never originate posts on this subject, I only respond to
ignorant mean spirited posts, the solution is obvious.

CUL Jerry

304. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Christopher Cox <cobox@netexp.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5956$e2ad50c0$783b8080@cbx-nt>
Source record: 2707
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Rather inflammatory and subject remarks concerning a post I find rather close to the target.
BTW, whats with non-descript mail address, hiding from something?

The Extra's I know, even though they are great people, would be the last persons I would go to seeking knowledge about RF theory. I presented to this newsgroup before a case where an Extra wired an 80' long wire to 75' of RG-58 to a Radio Shack 2 meter HT.

I believe even you have called CW a 'filter'. A filter for what? Letting 'memorization' and finger skill steer the Amateur Community? This is not Nintendo. I believe the technical testing should improve by testing knowledge of actual theory. There have been some really great communication break through that are even being utilized by your Hard Disk Controller that Amateur Radio Operators have no idea about. The only reason Morse Code exist on the airwaves is because at the time you could only reliably turn a spark generator Off or On. This is hardly a reason to perpetuate a requirement.

Many electronic professionals could, and probably would, be interested in Amateur Radio. Morse Code is a barrier to them because, unlike yester-year, and the retired community today, they do not have time to commit to such an arcane communication method. To this, I often question why I am even replying to these newsgroups, for my time is taxed as well.

It is strange to note the really talented Amateur's I know hold Advanced tickets, not Extra. Never did ask them why they stopped.
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Christopher Cox
KC8FRJ
TRA#4901

305. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <336E018E.2AC8@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2708
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
>
> > >Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
> >
> > Guess you can't read the callsign database.
> >
> > Bill Sohl K2UNK
> > ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
> > Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org
> >
>
> Hi Bill,
>
> Yes I can, just didn't care what class you held. The code is required
> because it is amateur communication in its simplest form. Its the core of
> the hobby. Now, can we please DROP IT!
>

I couldn't agree more... let's drop Morse code testing!!!

> 73, K4XA

73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

306. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5kl15l$6gl@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2709
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>(such as up-and-coming digital modes) then it is entirely reasonable to
>replace the CW examination with an examination on another mode.

Well then I guess it should have been replaced by a SSB test series quite some time ago then - in view of the fact that SSB is at least twice as popular as CW. But since rules and laws are not written pursuant to the results of popularity contests, there must be another explanation for the persistance of the code exams.

I would suggest the real reasons are stubbornness and fear. Are we going to allow ourselves to be guided into the future by relying upon such ignoble traits? Have we so little self-esteem as a group, and so little faith in the integrity of the service that we can never rid ourselves of the vestigial residue of an earlier time? Our we so unimaginative that we cannot properly define a relavent set of operator qualifications?

I think the answer to both questions is certainly NOT! We need only put aside our emotional attachments to the past, and look toward the future in fullfilling the charter goals of the service. Hams are no longer required to use Morse code in order to communicate, and likewise need not be required to know it. And as long as it continues to be useful, hams will continue to use it as an optional mode. Let us allow the era of the telegraph operator to pass into history with quiet dignity, and not bring about the necessity to force him kicking and screaming disgracefully into retirement.

73, AC6XG

307. Re: QRZ KC5ZEZ BRYAN LAWSON

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5kl504$8ko@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2710
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc58c3$d2f3eec0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>,
>IS required. You don't have to be an ace at the code to upgrade. Its not
>that hard. And sorry, but it does not require that much time. I have 2 kids
>myself so I don't have much time at all. It requires effort and commitment
>and thats why most people piss and moan about it.

Pissing and moaning would not seem to be unique to those against the code test. Only difference is, one group pisses and moans about people, the other about unnecessary rules. Learning code, for most, requires no more effort and commitment than does mowing the lawn or cleaning the toilet on a regular basis. It is a remedial task which is superflous to the majority of activities in amateur radio.

I find it amazing that some still continue to insist that amateur radio must maintain some form of manual labor in it's testing requirements.

I quite prefer operating CW to cleaning the toilet, but making such a choice does not endear me to my spouse. :-)

73, AC6XG

308. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <336E35AA.167B@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2711
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
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>
> Hi Larry,
>
> I think you would be N8JPK. And a tech, unless you have up-graded since
> 4-19-94. My guess is you have not. Is the code the reason? Is that why you
> are so quick to defend the position of those who want to dumb the hobby
> down to the lowest common denominator? Much like the liberals want to do
> America? You can always be a CB operator you know. They don't require code.
> Burden of proof is on the prosecution. You show me any good reason to drop
> it, THEN I'll defend my position.
>
> Graham K4XA

But this is not a trial, thus such nostrums do not apply. What is being discussed is under what circumstances is the government empowered to insist that an individual must demonstrate ability in Morse code prior to being granted the authorization to operate on any of the amateur allocations below 30 MHz. Since Morse code knowledge no longer is used as a tool for the mitigation of interference, as evidenced by the lack to compulsory use by the government, the need for Morse code testing is no longer there. Now, that does not mean that there are those who think that Morse code should be mandatory because of other reasons, i.e. a method for imposing self-discipline, facilitates international communications, etc. Regrettably, these reasons that are often proferred by the pro-code testing advocates have nothing to do with the government's legitimate concerns for those who use the amateur service frequencies.

73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

309. This CW thread SHOULD die...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <336E24A1.8CF@lni.net>
Source record: 2712
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

K4XA wrote:

>It requires effort and commitment and thats why most people piss and moan about it.

Bravo! Ahhhh, the proverbial nail hit squarely on the noggin'.

Greg WG8N

310. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5kl6co$991@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2713
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc58ed$26ce9ee0$74029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>,
Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote:
>Is that why you
>are so quick to defend the position of those who want to dumb the hobby
>down to the lowest common denominator?

If K4XA is an original call, and if one considers the level of intellect
brought to the newsgroup by this individual thus far, it is sadly
apparent the "denominator" has been very low for quite a long time.

"Joe Mama" right back to ya, Graham.

311. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <336EC4C6.4724@delphi.com>
Source record: 2714
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama wrote:
> No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT!

Reminds me of a REQUIREMENT back in Texas when I was growing up. All the unwashed masses of no-coders born without a built-in beeper step to the vhf end of the bus. Nope, not allowed up front in the HF section with us lily-white beeping hams.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

312. Re: QRZ KC5ZEZ BRYAN LAWSON

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-0605971356080001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2623
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc58c3$d2f3eec0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>, "Joe Mama"
<up@yours.com> wrote:

> Bryan Lawson <lucky13@vvm.com> wrote in article
> <5khcku$obf@newshost.vvm.com>...
> > >Joe Mama wrote:
> > >> --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
> > >>
> > >> For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA
> > >
> > >
> > > I have no problem with code being a requirement. I think it offers those
> > > who do not know code a challenge or goal to work towards in order to gain
> > > more privileges. It stresses technical competency.
> > >
> > > Just because one doesn't know code doesn't make them a "loser". I don't
> > > know code (yet), but I am still a licensed amateur radio operator. I
> enjoy
> > > the friendly people on the local people, and I occassionally make a dx
> > > contacts with a friendly ham. I'm just happy that, and I really hate to
> > > use this expression, "assholes" like K4XA aren't one of the people I have
> > > spoken with.
> >
> Hi Bryan,
> >
> Sorry if you thought it was harsh, or if it offended you. But, according to
> your post, you intend to LEARN the code. So my post was not directed at
> you. Only the people who DON'T intend to learn it but continue to gripe
> about it. Also, to answer your question, it is required because the code is
> the simple core of amateur communications. If all else fails, you can still
> send code. Bottom line is it doesn't matter WHY its required. Only that it
> IS required. You don't have to be an ace at the code to upgrade. Its not
> that hard. And sorry, but it does not require that much time. I have 2 kids
> myself so I don't have much time at all. It requires effort and commitment
> and thats why most people piss and moan about it. Good luck, hope you get
> the up-grade you want.
> >
> 73,
> K4XA
> Graham Crosby

I don;t want to get invloved in this thread, but I needed to add to what
Graham has said about learning the code. I know a couple of EXTRA class
hams, who passed the code and the tests, but don;t know a damn thing about

Amateur Radio and couldn;t copy code at 5 WPM, let alone 20. Myself, on the other hand, am a General. I am working on my Advanced, but I refuse to just MEMORIZE the questions and pass the test. But that's how I am doing it. However, it's been so long since I passed my 13 WPM, I am certain that I couldn't copy code at 5 WPM either. It does take practice.

If you haven;t taken your code requirement, do it. You'll be glad you did. I have a friend who is now an Advanced who had DXCC on 10 meters as a Technician. With the sun spot cycle coming back around, it's going to get good again!

73 de Greg N8JMS

313. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <336FE0CE.14E3@calweb.com>
Source record: 2624
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore wrote:
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> Joe Mama wrote:
> > No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT!
>
> Reminds me of a REQUIREMENT back in Texas when I was growing
> up. All the unwashed masses of no-coders born without a built-
> in beeper step to the vhf end of the bus. Nope, not allowed up
> front in the HF section with us lily-white beeping hams.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Oh come on now, Cecil. That is a real stretch in the CW v
war. How about taking the game of golf. Probably a lot more
dips out there batting a ball around with a really obsolete
club. Why don't they just get some BIG shotguns out on the
the course and do some real ballistic golf. Why use obsolete
technology just trying to get to the 18 hole and a dry martini? Well
it's tradition mate, pure and simple. Take away the tradition of
CW and the house crumbles. Nothing else to debate.

73, Bob, KE6F and so on.

314. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark White <markw@Iconnect>
Message-ID: <5kovpd$pa5$1@connect3.iconnect.net>
Source record: 2625
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Larry A. Warsinski wrote:
>
> Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote in article
> <5kij6r$phd@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
> >
> > CW remains a requirement because the mode of operation is one of the
> > most popular on HF, surpassed only by SSB, and we don't have a SSB test
> > because the FCC assumes most people know how to push a button and speak
> > into a microphone.
> >
> > When CW diminishs to be a popular HF mode, surpassed by other modes
> > (such as up-and-coming digital modes) then it is entirely reasonable to
> > replace the CW examination with an examination on another mode.
> >
> Actually, you might be confusing cause and effect here. Perhaps the ONLY
> reason CW remains a popular mode is because the requirement still exists.
> I've heard a lot of accusations of "welfare state whining" leveled against
> the no-code people, but the pro-code rhetoric seems to follow the same idea
> of welfare-state entitlements: You can't take away "our" bands and give
> them to no-code people whose only claim to them is that they know the
> technical aspects of radio -- they MUST learn code."
>
> CW is diminishing, and the CW testing is given far more weight than the
> mode deserves even with its historical roots. If you don't "know" SSB, you
> can still get an HF license. If you don't know ATV, PACTOR, AMTOR, RTTY,
> GTOR, or may of the other modes, you still can upgrade. Antiquated CW is
> the ONLY PASS-FAIL mode. This simply is not right.
>
> >
> > >The truth is that the ITU has already agreed to end the requirement for
> Morse
> > >speed testing for every radio service except amateur (and that exception
> is
> > >only because no WRC has addressed amateur rules in the last decade). No
> > >compelling arguments could be made for its retention in any other
> service.
> >
> > Q: Why exactly has the ITU agreed to end the requirement for Morse for
> every
> > radio service?
> >
> > A: Because those services have adopted other modes of operation and have
> > by their actions eliminated morse.

> >
> > Q: How does this differ from the Amateur Service?
> >
> > A: The amateur service continues to use Morse heavily on HF.
> >
> > Q: So what?
> >
> > A: When morse use on HF declines, and other modes surpass it, then the
> > time will arrive to eliminate the examination.
> >
>
> SSB HAS surpassed HF. Go ahead and eliminate the exam! Pull the exam, and
> watch the use of CW fall to its natural level.
>
> > MD
> > --
> > -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> > -- with my guns.
>
> (I like this --)
>
> > --
> > -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.
>
> And this works both ways <g>!
>
> --
> --Larry A. Warsinski--
> lwarsins@up.net
>
> OK OK OK I ADMIT IT!!!

I tried, but I have FINALLY gotten sucked into this stupid CW/anti CW debate! Damn!!

First off, if everyone on here spent their time ragchewing instead of bitching, er, I mean complaining maybe something could get accomplished, or at least opinions swayed a teeny bit.

Secondly, why can't people complain about some worthwhile arguement? Lemme see, in the utopic society CW gets abolished, then a little flood of people get their generals.... The years pass, but there is still this vocal core of whiners that never spent the effort to upgrade their writtens, after all, the advanced written IS a bear, all that theory and stuff.... Well what the hey!! You know, ALL THEORY IS RENDERED OBSOLETE DUE TO THE ADVENT OF SMT CONSTRUCTION!!! I shouldn't have to take this test! Its unfair!! If I can't work on my radio (because I don't have the tools or inclination) why should I be expected to know how and why it operates??!! So we would see this whole idiotic thread repeated, except on a slightly different subject, but probably by a lot of the same people. Wanting a true/false type test or some other way they perceive

they could pass the test with minimal effort, but of course not minimal enough so those under them could attain it without effort too.

I suppose I am trying to say that fair or not can always be debated, but these are the requirements in this country, and comparing them to the rest of the world seem to be median. Do not be so resistant to learning something new, sure its effort but when time passes the things we earned with more effort we usually value more. If you think time spent learning CW (or most other things for that matter) is wasted time, what are you doing instead? Watching television? Sure seems like some of us here are NOT spending it talking to other like-minded souls through the aether. All the anti coders in this NG, have you tried talking DX? 2M SSB? How about 6 meters, anyone fool around with that? Plenty of opportunities to learn new things, meet new people. Do that instead of complaining here, or else bite the bullet and at least 'try' to learn CW. Maybe you will find it at least a tiny bit intriguing. Or do this, find some 6 part mini series on TV, and instead of watching it devote that time block to learning CW, and I bet you will be suprised if gosh darn you don't have a firm grip on it by the end of the mini series.

I hope nobody is offended by my using the term "CW" to describe morse code since it actually means continuous wave, the media which transmits the morse code tones.

Since people are going to be looking up my callsign to see what I have or have not done, I'll tell you now I'm a coded technician, yep only 5 WPM. So why should I advocate something I don't have? Because this is supposed to be a hobby, which means something fun, enjoyable, and which you become a better person by practicing. 2 months ago I decided to finally quit talking about it and upgrade, so I passed my general written and now am working on getting my code up to speed. I am planning on taking the advanced written in 2 weeks. It is difficult, especially the code part because with a job, wife, and two year old son my commitments do not leave much time for me to do things I want or would like to do. But thats life, you can either complain or get on with it. I had been using a little homebrew 40 meter transceiver but bought a Yaesu HF rig, it makes it easier to make contacts or just to listen when I'm tired and don't want to QSO. I am hoping to pass my code elements end of June.

I do believe most everyone can do this if they put forth the effort, CERTAINLY much less effort than is wasted here on this subject.

73's DE N9OHS

315. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Paul Titze <ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Message-ID: <336E684D.36BA@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Source record: 2715
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Why is everyone still arguing about CW? I thought this debate since
last year was well over, apparently not.
We all know that CW will eventually go so there's not much point
whinging about keeping it.

Paul, VK2THN.

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http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~ptitze
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316. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Steve <kc0uh@pcisys.net>
Message-ID: <01bc59c0$65f243a0$70f7cccf@pcisys>
Source record: 2716
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Now I know why I miss the old "You have one year to UPGRADE". ARRL is
spoon feeding these folks a ticket just like the DX Net do...Wonder how
long
it would take for the winners to mess up EME operations...

Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc5826$4a23e840$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
: > Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
: > the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
: > should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?
:
: No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT! You ARE whining.
If
: you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.
: But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that
: simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than
: there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
:
: --... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
:
: For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA
:

317. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5kn4ed$i75@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2717
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

rec.radio.amateur.misc removed from crossposting list...

kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com (Michael P. Deignan) wrote:

>In article <336c09ea.56142285@news.atl.bellsouth.net>,
> Gary Coffman <ke4zv@bellsouth.net> wrote:
>>>I've been lurking here as I have only just started studying for a
>>>license, and the code is obviously controversial, however I haven't
>>>found a post yet explaining w-h-y it is a requirement.
>>
>>The pro-coders can't answer that. That's why they have to resort to whining
>>Hiram Percy Maxim by a

>Typical anti-code "welfare state" rhetoric.

Yet the desire of the procoders is easily shown to
be the liberal affirmative action mindset to prop up
continued use and their own goal of keeping the percentage
of use for CW up.

>CW remains a requirement because the mode of operation is one of the
>most popular on HF, surpassed only by SSB, and we don't have a SSB test
>because the FCC assumes most people know how to push a button and speak
>into a microphone.

And once again it must be pointed out that the CW
test is NOT an operational test, it is merely a translation
test. The CW test in no way is the equivalent of
true operation. There's nothing involved by requlation
that requires the CW test to be one half of a short
QSO. The fact that it usually is is a matter of choice
by the person that made the CW test tape. The CW
test could just as easily have been the lead story from
today's newspaper as long as it contained the full character
set for the appropriate test element.

>When CW diminishs to be a popular HF mode, surpassed by other modes
>(such as up-and-coming digital modes) then it is entirely reasonable to
>replace the CW examination with an examination on another mode.

But as MD oft mentions, we do have testing of other modes
on the theory test. Why does CW, which is used by less
than 1/2 of hams, still have it's very own separate pass/fail
test element?

>[blah blah blah, yada yada yada ...
> more hate-filled rhetoric from Gary deleted]

My my, hate filled rhetoric? Gary's posts are anything
but that.

>>The truth is that the ITU has already agreed to end the requirement for Morse
>>speed testing for every radio service except amateur (and that exception is
>>only because no WRC has addressed amateur rules in the last decade). No
>>compelling arguments could be made for its retention in any other service.

>Q: Why exactly has the ITU agreed to end the requirement for Morse for every
> radio service?

>A: Because those services have adopted other modes of operation and have
> by their actions eliminated morse.

So has amateur radio; even by the ARRL survey less than 1/2
of hams use CW yet the separate pass/fail CW test still
hangs on...unjustified by anything MD has written here.

>Q: How does this differ from the Amateur Service?

>A: The amateur service continues to use Morse heavily on HF.

Only by personal choice...individual choice. The amateur
service has never mandated any mode and, in fact, no amateur
emergency preparations even use CW at all today. That being
the case, the only use of CW is by personal choice for
one's OWN personal enjoyment. Such use is no justification
of forcing everyone on HF to learn CW.

>Q: So what?

>A: When morse use on HF declines, and other modes surpass it, then the
> time will arrive to eliminate the examination.

Morse use HAS declined and...
SSB has surpassed it. Or do you now doubt the ARRL
survey?

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

318. HELP! CES *T.T. Mike...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: 5doc@dxnet.com
Message-ID: <3375538c.4194567@news.dxnet.com>
Source record: 2718
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

Can you help??

I have a CES (Winter Park, FL.) 700L *Touch-Tone Microphone.

**Do you have the Color Code for this Mike??

The Mike now has a connector for a GE-MVS series radio.

I contacted the company but they want $25 for a photocopy of the
manual! At present the mike has a 8-pin Molex connector for GE~MVS.
I would like to convert the Mike it to work on a KENWOOD UHF Radio.
The Kenwood has a connector that looks like a modular telephone
connector (only more pins)... I plan to build a junction box.

I HAVE data for the Kenwood Mike Connector, but I need data for the
CES Mike!... While I would like to convert to a official CES Mike
Cable for Kenwood, the cost is another $25! Plus, CES advised that
the Mike would require modifications.

Any help with this project will be greatly appreciated! Any help with
the switch on the back of the Mike, "AUTO" / "MANUAL"?

Many thanks!
Tony
WA6IGJ

5doc@dxnet.com ***Please REMOVE '5' from my email address for
replies!

319. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Paul Jordan <jordan@santanet.com>
Message-ID: <01bc59b2$d99b0fc0$ea2277cc@jordan>
Source record: 2719
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

OK, OK, I've been lurking on this thread for about the past 35 messages and it's time I said my peice regarding this particular part.

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote in article <5kjl2b$rck@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
> In article <336D4CE0.74C6@getonthe.net>, hossie <hossie@getonthe.net> wrote:
>
> >Requiring code was, I argued, equicalent to requiring hams to build all
> >of their gear, and have the station passed by an inspector prior to
> >liciensing.
>
> Not a bad idea. It certainly would ensure people know what they are doing.
>
So, you're saying you'd like to have a Federal Inspector coming to your house and checking out the construction of your entire radio set-up and then granting you priviledges to you based on what he thinks you're capable of doing?

>
> >There's nothing wrong with homebrew, but following the
> >state of the art on your own is very difficult, and rarely seen these
> >days.
>
> Yeah, its much easier just to use plastic and buy a radio-in-a-box.
>
The technology and research have already been done for us. Why try to re-invent the whole thing. Do you chisel your own wheel out of a rock or do you go out and buy a car??

> >the public officials here are most impressed by the legion of VHF
> >stations which stand ready to track severe storms and provide early
> >warning to local communities.
>
> Public officials here look at hams as (rightfully so) a bunch of
> shack-on-a-belt police-authority-wannabes.
>
The hams we have here in the Fairbanks area are the type that Hossie mentioned. We help in running several community activities as well as international ones like the Yukon Sled Dog Race. We volunteer our time and radios to make these events safe for the participants and to keep others informed of what's going on. If it weren't for Ham Radio, no one would have helped Anchorage, AK when the Easter Quake hit in '64. We are

respected here!

> >The code test began losing all meaning back
> >then as copies of official tests became available as "practice tapes."
>
> Wow. You could make millions selling them.
>
Sarcasm will get you no where.

> >Then, the early volunteer examination program was riddled with
corruption.
>
> If true back then, why would things be any different today?
>
I don't know about where you are but our VE's take the testing part of Ham
Radio VERY seriously.

> >I know serveral "11-meter pirates" who co8uldn't honestly
> >copy 5 wpm, yet hold Extra-Class tickets.
>
> Yeah, and I know a lot of extra-class ticket holders who don't know
> how to build dipoles too.
>
So both of you are saying you people study code, and test questions, just
to get the BIG ticket, then forget it all?? Imagine that...

> >almost all went on to set up digipeaters, ATV nets, emergency phone
> >patches,
>
> Not hard to pick up the phone, wait for UPS, plug in the AC power cord,
> antenna connector, and a ground wire (optional).
>
Again, they're taking advantage of the available technology AND helping to
advance our hobby. One of our repeater repair technicians is a lowly
No-Code Technician and he is one of the main ones responsible for keeping
over 30 repeaters up and running.

> >Today, I listen to the legion of no-code techs, and hear competent
> >operating practices, on-aur courtesy, and nothing that should make any
> >amateur ashamed to display his or her license.
>
> Can you send me a tape? I can't find any of this locally on the two
> meter good-buddy boxes.
>
Come to Fairbanks and have a listen. Very polite and very professional
operators, always willing to help each other out. If it weren't for the
poeple in the Arctic Amateur Radio Club, I would probably just carry a
radio for emergencies and auto-patch but, I enjoy conversing with fellow
members here.

> >I see, with the
> >expansion of the hobby, Radio Shack getting re-involved with equipment

> >and training, and more small specialty manufacturers opening their
> >doors.
>
> So, this explains why more and more amateur shops are closing their
> doors permanently from the amateur business (AEA, Tucker, etc.) and
> others are talking about slow sales and sagging profits from the
> amateur market (Icom/Yaesu/Kenwood)?
>
I was in Atlanta a couple of weeks ago and when the salesperson behind the counter at HRO found that I was only a No-Code Tech, he didn't want anything to do with me. Maybe that's why they're closing their doors. Radio Shack is always willing and able to help us out up here in the frozen north.

> --
> -- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
> -- with my guns.
> --
> -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.
>
Now, to code or not to code... I choose not to code because I can't spend $1000 bucks for a radio and $300 for an antenna but, if one were to become available as cheaply as my two 2mtr radios did, maybe my wife and I will consider upgrading. But, for now, 2 mtr is just fine.
I think the main thing we need to concentrate on is getting more people upgraded no matter what it takes so that we can say "Hey FCC, don't take that band away from us, we've got xxxxxxx number of people that are using it." At least that's the way I see it.

73's
Paul Jordan
KL0AN
Arctic Amateur Radio Club
Fairbanks, AK

320. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: plains.parson@NOSPAMworldnet.att.net
Message-ID: <336eb558.41893489@netnews.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2626
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sat, 03 May 1997 15:56:24 -0700, hossie <hossie@getonthe.net>
posted:

>Bill Sohl wrote:
>>
>> olyellr@iglou.com wrote:
------------------[cut]------------------
>
>Oh, come on, Bill! I think prospective hams should demonstrate an
>ability to make a coherer/decoherer, a sal ammonical wet rectifier, and
>a rotary spark-ga transmitter. Do away with those silly solid-state
>theory questions on the exams and test for important knowledge, like
>Type 57 plate characteristics and self-rectification. Don't forget a
>section on the pghlogiston theory of heat transfer.
>
>We must keep the hobby pure!
>
>
>KC0ES (with tongue firmly in cheeck)
hear, hear! ... at least *somebody* gets the point...

321. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3370ADAC.4BAA@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2627
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bob Miller wrote:
> Take away the tradition of CW and the house crumbles. Nothing else to debate.

Hi Bob, if there weren't houses crumbling all the time, there would be no progress. Keep CW as a historical landmark if you so choose but don't use the threat of force from the federal government to keep us in the dark ages by prohibiting the construction of new housing. Live in your rotting, termite ridden house if you desire. But please allow the rest of us build something that will still be standing when your house crashes down around you.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

322. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Gordon Eade <n7ei@ctaz.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5a94$f4674700$d0a255ce@Gordon.ctaz.com>
Source record: 2628
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Mastering Morse code is a very difficult task. It takes many long hours of practice to gain the necessary degree of proficiency to pass the 20 wpm test in all it takes approximately 80 hours of practice over about 8 months.

It takes another 5 years of practice to begin to approach the proficiency required to communicate with all but the very best operators on the air.

Some day I hope to master the code, but I fear it is another 5 years away.

73 n7ei@ctaz

323. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33716880.1E6F@delphi.com>
Source record: 2629
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Christopher Cox wrote:
> It is strange to note the really talented Amateur's I know hold Advanced
> tickets, not Extra. Never did ask them why they stopped.

Hi Christopher, not that I'm talented, but if you take the privileges
in kHz and divide by the wpm requirement, you will see that the advanced
class license gives the most privileges for the least amount of effort.
I could pass the extra written exam and probably pass a 20 wpm multiple
guess Morse code exam but why bother?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

324. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <33712D9E.17BF@calweb.com>
Source record: 2630
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore wrote:
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> Keep CW as a historical landmark if you so choose but don't use the threat of
> force from the federal government to keep us in the dark ages by prohibiting
> the construction of new housing. Live in your rotting, termite ridden house if
> you desire. But please allow the rest of us build something that will still be
> standing when your house crashes down around you.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
Hi Cecil
Well sorry to report that the house is sound and not ready to
fall down on my head. I just thing that if we pull too much
tradition out of the hobby/service, then the mystique will also
evaporate with it,,, nothing more. To apply a little hard logic
I would say that all testing regarding ham radio licensing is
a rite of passage--not just the code segment.
What most of the critics of code requirements seem to miss
or dismiss is the highly romantic nature of the hobby. Even the
technical side is steeped in romanticism and all you have to do
is read someones source code comments to see it creeping into the
thought process.
Perhaps ham radio has seen its time come and now it is time
to hang it up.. I am quite serious on this point. The tecnhical
requirements beyond regulatory items, are nearly all a priori
exercises and mean little after the test is completed--much like
your commentary on the alleged obsolete code requrirement.
You can cite anecdotal events where this person or that
person did some slick engineering in the amateur radio venue, and I
guess we all can and often do so. But in the main most hams just want
to get the ticket and get on the air and chat about radios and
computers and what ever else seems to come to mind. If their
silicon toy from Japan goes on the fritz, its off to the factory. All
the Smith Charts and Software in the world are not going to fix the
thing. So why bother to learn reactance formulas and return loss
calculations, and front end noise temperature calculations and
so on...Never gunna use it. The ham who cant copy his own call sign
probably can't calculate the inductive reactance of a capactor
let alone the noise temperature of an LNA using Y factors and dual
temperature terminations. But it does not matter. Those that can do and

enjoy doing it..a rite of technical passage to go with the rite of code passage..a nice little package for all who want to play in the ham radio sand box..
I really don't see what the problem is once you rationalize the whole mess. Just dues, Cecil. Code is just the dues you must pay for admission just like useless technical dues...

Keep up the fight for what you belive, but please don't mix the metaphors so much...you will be happier.

Adios es 73

Bob,KE6F

325. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: myers@West.Sun.COM
Message-ID: <5krrta$ds3@abyss.West.Sun.COM>
Source record: 2631
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5kh6f1$no3@anomaly.ideamation.com>,
Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote:
>In article <5kgsdh$q4l@jupiter.planet.net>,
> Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote:
>
>>ARRL survey resulted in a majority, but nowhere of
>>the same magnitude as was the case even 5
>>years ago.
>
>5 years ago we didn't have a welfare license.

I normally ignore your "welfare" rhetoric, but this is
just too much. I'm guessing you're writing abou the
Technician license without code as a welfare license.

Free clue: code was dropped from the Technician license
over 6 years ago.

Ham radio has not, despite your colorful descriptions to the
contrary, gone to hell in handbasket.

Do you research your facts, or save the trouble by just making them
up? ;-)

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* Dana H. Myers K6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are mine and should *
* (310) 348-6043 | not be interpreted or represented as *
* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | those of Sun Microsystems, Inc. *

326. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5kt1e3$b8b@masters0.InterNex.Net>
Source record: 2632
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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"Gordon Eade" <n7ei@ctaz.com> wrote:
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>Mastering Morse code is a very difficult task. It takes many long hours of
>practice to gain the necessary degree of proficiency to pass the 20 wpm
>test in all it takes approximately 80 hours of practice over about 8
>months.

If that were all it took, I'd have passed it years ago.
For that matter, if five times that were all it took, I'd have passed by now.

327. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <33724D46.AFA@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2633
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Dale Harper wrote:
> The anti code crowd has been telling us otherwise, unless we drop the
> code of course. Dale

Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and there is no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the anti-code-test crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to make.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

328. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kthin$1qh@sjx-ixn10.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2634
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5krrta$ds3@abyss.West.Sun.COM> myers@West.Sun.COM (Dana Myers)
writes:
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>In article <5kh6f1$no3@anomaly.ideamation.com>,
>Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com> wrote:
>>In article <5kgsdh$q4l@jupiter.planet.net>,
>> Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote:
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>Free clue: code was dropped from the Technician license
>over 6 years ago.
>
>Ham radio has not, despite your colorful descriptions to the
>contrary, gone to hell in handbasket.
>
>Do you research your facts, or save the trouble by just making them
>up? ;-)
>

Glad to hear Ham radio isn't going to hell in a handbasket.
The anti code crowd has been telling us otherwise, unless we drop the
code of course.
Dale

329. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: Todd Little <little@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <33726BC6.29C6@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2635
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore wrote:
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> Dale Harper wrote:
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> > code of course. Dale
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> Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and there is
> no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the anti-code-test
> crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to make.

In addition, the pro-code-testing camp is usually the ones moaning about
going to hell in a handbasket. There are several that post regularly to
this newsgroup that hold those licensed after 14-Feb-1991 as not worthy
of being amateurs radio operators. Those opposed to the code tests have
generally been concerned that amateur radio is just going to go away.

73,
Todd
N9MWB

PS Please note the follow-up line and keep the discussion
where it belongs.
--
Unsolicited business offers sent to my e-mail address will be considered
a request for me to proofread the offer and in turn reimburse me $500
for my time and effort for each offer received. Receipt of said e-mail
constitutes acceptance of this offer. Let dick@durbin.senate.gov
and senator@moseley-braun.senate.gov know what you think of e-mail SPAM.

330. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeffreyh@Hawaii.Edu
Message-ID: <5l0clb$rta@news.Hawaii.Edu>
Source record: 2636
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Followup directed to .policy:

In article <336D4CE0.74C6@getonthe.net>, hossie <hossie@getonthe.net> wrote:
>the public officials here are most impressed by the legion of VHF
>stations which stand ready to track severe storms and provide early
>warning to local communities.

How is that any different than a collection of REACT CBers on 11m or GMRS willing to do the same voluntary duties? What may impress the officials is the number of folks willing to volunteer, not what freq'y they operate on.

(If we do away with *all* exams just think of how many more storm-trackers you have!)

>hossie

Is that a CB "handle"?

Jeff KH2PZ

331. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5kv5vb$qbc@sjx-ixn7.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2637
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <33724D46.AFA@ccm.ch.intel.com> Cecil Moore
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>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
anti-code-test
>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to
make.
>
>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy watching
the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
Dale

332. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337362E0.2F6B@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2638
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Dale Harper wrote:
> Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy watching
> the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda. Dale

OK Dale, the onus is on you. How about a list of the anti-code crowd?
I won't be on it cuz I'm on 40m CW a couple of times a week.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

333. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l0ldf$lml@sjx-ixn7.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2639
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>
>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

List yourself as number one. Call it what it is.

334. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: plains.parson@NOSPAMworldnet.att.net
Message-ID: <33740d4a.26578795@netnews.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2640
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On 4 May 1997 00:56:32 GMT, "Joe Mama" <up@yours.com> posted:
>> Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
>> the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
>> should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?
>
>No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT!
... requirement, schmirement... the existence of such does *not* make
it right, appropriate, practical or useful as such...
> You ARE whining.
... for critically important purposes of accurately communicating
meaning, define 'whining' please...
>If you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.
... seems to be some foaming here, as it were... one would think that
all amateurs are commonly linked, not classist, biased, racist,
holier-than-thou... would that it were so...
>But just SHUT UP about it!
... please to remember, the usenet is about the expression and
exchange of thoughts and opinions... as in the media case of other
media content: if it offends, kill-file/filter it out, turn it off,
don't read it...
> You want to up-grade? Learn the code.
... why should one need to learn 'code' to up-grade?
> Its that
>simple. You won't EVER get it changed.
... dunno about that...
> There are allot more of us than
>there are of you.
... that's 'a lot'; 'allot' means to 'reserve' or 'set aside' some
thing for some specific purpose or reason...
> Get it?
... no
> Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!
... why?
>
>--... ...-- --..-- -.- ....- -..- .-
>
>For you no code losers thats: 73, K4XA
... it is? looks like a bunch of pixels arranged in a visibly
horizontal, linear fashion on the monitor here... can't hear it (we
are supposed to hear it, are we not?), doesn't even bear resemblance
to the traditional audible quintenary code form (one assumes that is
what is being referenced here...

335. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: plains.parson@NOSPAMworldnet.att.net
Message-ID: <33740d4f.26583817@netnews.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2641
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On 4 May 1997 20:04:47 GMT, "Joe Mama" <up@yours.com> posted:

>> What a brave guy, forging your headers. You'd be surprised how fast
>> things are changing. Code will eventually no longer be a licensing
>> requirement.
>>
>> CrACKeD <cracked@primenet.com>
>>
>
>I guess using the name CrACKeD is the height of bravery! By the way, they
>already have a hobby where the code is not required. Its called CB.
... lessee, if one recalls correctly, current licensure 'requirements'
for amateur radio also do not require 'code' (whatever that 'code'
is)... imho: amateur radio is not the 'code' (whatever that is), and
the 'code' (whatever that is) is not amateur radio -- never has been,
never will be...
>
>73, K4XA
>
>

336. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33742BA1.B52@delphi.com>
Source record: 2642
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Dale Harper wrote:
> List yourself as number one. Call it what it is.

You Sir, are a liar and deserve to be horsewhipped!!!!!

337. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l1j7i$6t4@sjx-ixn7.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2643
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Careful, that's an antiquated mode.

338. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <33744833.52BB@lni.net>
Source record: 2644
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Mark White wrote:

>Secondly, why can't people complain about some worthwhile arguement?
>Lemme see, in the utopic society CW gets abolished, then a little flood
>of people get their generals.... The years pass, but there is still this
>vocal core of whiners that never spent the effort to upgrade their
>writtens, after all, the advanced written IS a bear, all that theory and
>stuff.... Well what the hey!! You know, ALL THEORY IS RENDERED OBSOLETE
>DUE TO THE ADVENT OF SMT CONSTRUCTION!!!

Good point, Mark! I was never much of an electronics "wiz" when I was younger (and still not proficient!) but I wanted to upgrade in the worse way so I studyed hard and passed the Advanced written which IS a bear! I would have LOVED to bypass that written and just take a 20 wpm code test to get Extra, but hey, it was a requirement. Even as Mark said it will all be OBSOLETE theory in a few years anyway, but it was a REQUIREMENT. Hmmmmm, obsolete, have I heard that word before somewhere?

I guess I should have jumped on the Newgroups (even though they didn't exist then) and started whining about it so hopefully the theory part would get dropped someday. Who wants all those "eggheads" in the hobby anyway? (notice the tongue-in-cheek, fellows)

I can see the subject line now.

Re: Theory should die, not the "hobby"

Beautiful, man, beautiful!

Greg WG8N

339. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Robert Gross <robtgross@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <33749D3C.22E1@worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2645
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Read My Fist, No More Code!!!!!!!!!!

340. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l2aiv$9ne@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2646
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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>Dale
>

Actually Dale you are rather new. The ink is hardly dry on you upgrade to general (congrats BTW) and you have not been a presence on the news groups all that long. To get an idea of how long Cecil has been around find out what OOTC means.

What Cecil says is true those who oppose continued code testing do not call for an end to CW as an operating mode. Only the pro code testing crowd seems to make this leap of faith. Let's try it again. We do NOT advocate an end to code as a communicaions method only to stand-alone code TESTING. Get it?

Jerry

341. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5d6c$c3b80740$e390f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2647
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc5826$4a23e840$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > Mike, you DON'T get it. We are not whining, we are making
> > the effort to eliminate code testing. The question is WHY
> > should anyone now be orced to learn morse code?
>
> No YOU don't get it! Why? BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT!

Many things that *used* to be "requirements" for LOTs of things
are not longer ... "requirements" are not inviolate things that must
remain unchanged for all eternity ... they must remain relevant in
terms of today's technology and the needs of society (in this case
the needs of ham radio in terms of future relevance and survival, too)
in order to remain valid.

I'm sure that lots of places used to have speed limits designed to
eliminate brake-kneck horse races down (then dirt) city streets.
Today, the same boulevards are wider, paved with asphalt and
have speed limits of 45-65 mph in many places, due to the use
of autos and changes in society's needs.

Your argument is akin to asserting that our interstate highways
should be dirt roads with horse and carriage speed limits.

> You ARE whining. If
> you don't want to learn code then take your sorry ass back to channel 19.

You're the "sorry ass loser", sir ... you're so ignorant and narrow-minded
that you can't begin to imagine any progress or change from the rut that
you settled God knows how long ago ...

> But just SHUT UP about it! You want to up-grade? Learn the code. Its that
> simple. You won't EVER get it changed. There are allot more of us than
> there are of you. Get it? Now, GO STUDY YOUR CODE!

We refuse to be forced or intimidated into "worshiping the false god"
of your "Morseodist religious cult."

You have not right to try to force that on others, nor will we grant you
that right ...

And as for your idea that we'll "never get the rules changed" and that
"there are a lot more of you (code fanatics) than us (who favor and
recognize
the need for modernization)" .... DREAM on ... the olde fartz are dying off
and the majority of licensees will soon be no-coders ... LEARN TO LIVE

WITH IT ...

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342. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l2bh1$8of@dfw-ixnews11.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2648
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <33742BA1.B52@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
writes:
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>Dale Harper wrote:
>> List yourself as number one. Call it what it is.
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>You Sir, are a liar and deserve to be horsewhipped!!!!!

Hi Cecil,

Mr. Harper does indeed play fast and loose with the truth. Previously
he made some rather grandiose claims which turned out to be implicity
if not explicitly non factual. He is worth neither your time nor your
logic as the reply will always be at the school yard level. Pursue
worthy advisaries and leave the krill to the baleens.

73 Jerry

343. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5d72$00ccadc0$e390f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Mark White <"markw"@Iconnect[REMOVE!!].net> wrote in article
<5kovpd$pa5$1@connect3.iconnect.net>...
>
> >
> > OK OK OK I ADMIT IT!!!
>
> I tried, but I have FINALLY gotten sucked into this stupid CW/anti CW
> debate! Damn!!
>
> First off, if everyone on here spent their time ragchewing instead of
> bitching, er, I mean complaining maybe something could get accomplished,
> or at least opinions swayed a teeny bit.
>
> Secondly, why can't people complain about some worthwhile arguement?
> Lemme see, in the utopic society CW gets abolished, then a little flood
> of people get their generals.... T

And a lot of people who wouldn't walk across the street to pick
up FREE Morse code keys/keyers/ paddles/etc. would have
the highest class of license based on their superior technical
abilities ... that would REALLY piss off the folks whose ONLY
claim to fame is the abilty to beep real fast ...

> the years pass, but there is still this
> vocal core of whiners that never spent the effort to upgrade their
> writtens, after all, the advanced written IS a bear, all that theory and
> stuff....

Give me a break ... I've worked over the years with hundreds and hundreds
of people who could pass the advanced and the extra written on any given
morning ... the ONLY reason many of them are not active, contributing
hams is that they're unwilling to waste their valuable time and energy
"perfecting skills" in "an art" from 1847 that they'll NEVER ...

>Well what the hey!! You know, ALL THEORY IS RENDERED OBSOLETE
> DUE TO THE ADVENT OF SMT CONSTRUCTION!!!

What an absurd assertion! You are obviously in the lower reaches of
the more technically ignorant portion of current hams if you really, truly
believe this ...

> I shouldn't have to take this test! Its unfair!!

ONLY rabid procoders have raised this red herring ... I have NEVER
seen a serious proponent of elminating code testing requrements

advocate the position that theory testing was irrelevant, or that theory testing should be eliminated ... that's just a FUD-based red herring thrown out by procoders to generate a smokescreen to cover the fact that there's NO logical, rational, compelling reason to keep code testing.

> If I can't work on my radio (because I don't have the
> tools or inclination) why should I be expected to know how and why it
> operates??!!

If you can't work on your radio, you're not meeting the technical objectives of the Amateur Radio Service ... to encourage self-training, experimentation, etc. to maintain and develop a pool of radio and electronics "experts."

> Do not be so resistant to learning something new

Talk about "the pot calling the kettle black" !!! Morse hardly qualifies as "something new", since it was invented in 1847. Those of us who WANT to learn and develop truly new things through experimentation, construction, etc. have been hobbled for decades by antiquated rules requiring 1847 "skills."

It is the vast majority of pro-code fanatics who are, in fact, "resistant to learning something new" ... they're the ones who insist that "real radios glow in the dark", "real hams beep fast", "no-coders aren't real hams", etc., etc. They're ALSO the ones who complain about "all that newfangled digital stuff", have totally irrational fears about the potential for interference from new (to hams) techniques like spread spectrum that could provide many benifits, and are generally too damned cheap to invest even the price of a couple of nice dinners in a decent restaurant in modernizing their repitoir of gear and modes ... if they have packet, it's 1200 bps AFSK on 2m and it's primary use is to connect to a DX cluster for spotting purposes ...

> Since people are going to be looking up my callsign to see what I have or

> have not done, I'll tell you now I'm a coded technician, yep only 5 WPM.
> So why should I advocate something I don't have? Because this is supposed

> to be a hobby, which means something fun, enjoyable, and which you become

> a better person by practicing.

No, it's SUPPOSED to be a service (which some people participate in as an activity they enjoy ... some are actually more interested in the technical aspects than the competitive games aspects that have perverted ham radio in the past several decades ...

Most people apparently don't consider Morse to be fun (Yes, some do, and that's fine ... nobody's trying to stop them from using it if they so choose ...) even the ARRL's own surveys show that less than 40% of current hams EVER use Morse ... and of that 40% many likely only

use it occasionally ....

> 2 months ago I decided to finally quit
> talking about it and upgrade, so I passed my general written and now am
> working on getting my code up to speed. I am planning on taking the
> advanced written in 2 weeks. It is difficult, especially the code part
> because with a job, wife, and two year old son my commitments do not
> leave much time for me to do things I want or would like to do. But thats

> life, you can either complain or get on with it.

Or you can work to change things ... there is no legitimate, valid,
rational,
compelling reason to force anyone to learn Morse ... if you really want to,
fine, but you should not be bullied into it by an antiquated testing
regieme
that bears no relationship to the technical or operational realities of
today,
let alone the future ...

> I do believe most everyone can do this if they put forth the effort,
> CERTAINLY much less effort than is wasted here on this subject.

Many of us don't believe that effort expended to achieve important
change and secure the future survival and growth of amateur radio
is "wasted" ...

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344. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <3374cf00.6039011@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
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On 10 May 1997 10:38:42 GMT, docdc@ix.netcom.com(Dale Harper) wrote:

>In <33742BA1.B52@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
>writes:
>>
>>Dale Harper wrote:
>>> List yourself as number one. Call it what it is.
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>>You Sir, are a liar and deserve to be horsewhipped!!!!!
>
>Careful, that's an antiquated mode.

When your intent is to inflict pain and suffering, the old ways are
often best. That's why the slow torture of Morse is used for hazing
instead of a quick clean modern method.

Gary

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345. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5d95$7cd25280$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2651
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Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote in article <33744833.52BB@lni.net>...
> Mark White wrote:

> >Well what the hey!! You know, ALL THEORY IS RENDERED OBSOLETE
> >DUE TO THE ADVENT OF SMT CONSTRUCTION!!!

As I said before, what a ridiculous assertion ...

>
> Good point, Mark! I was never much of an electronics "wiz" when I was
> younger (and still not proficient!) but I wanted to upgrade in the worse
> way so I studyed hard and passed the Advanced written which IS a bear! I
> would have LOVED to bypass that written and just take a 20 wpm code test
> to get Extra, but hey, it was a requirement. Even as Mark said it will
> all be OBSOLETE theory in a few years anyway, but it was a REQUIREMENT.
> Hmmmmm, obsolete, have I heard that word before somewhere?

All theory will not be obsolete in a few years, but at the rate technology
is progressing, there will be a lot of new stuff to learn ... that's why I
favor
retesting at each license renewal ... too damned many hams that passed
their tests in the 30s-60s took the attitude that there was nothing more to
learn and stagnated right there ... that's why they're technically ignorant
and inept today, and that doesn't do a damned thing towards meeting our
chartered goals and purpose ... that's why our bands are being taken away
for commercial services one by one ...

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346. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5d9b$c012c1a0$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com> wrote in article
<33712D9E.17BF@calweb.com>...
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no progress.
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house if
> > you desire. But please allow the rest of us build something that will
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> > standing when your house crashes down around you.
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> > 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
> Hi Cecil
> Well sorry to report that the house is sound and not ready to
> fall down on my head. I just thing that if we pull too much
> tradition out of the hobby/service, then the mystique will also
> evaporate with it,,, nothing more.

There IS NOT "mystique" to Morse any more ... 50 or 60 years
ago when communications were somewhere between nonexistent
and primitive, folks found Morse via radio fascinating and exciting
and it HAD some "mystique" ... today when compared to cellphones,
the internet, satellite communications and other modern, every-day
technology available to the ordinary citizen, it's "ho, hum" BORING
to the vast majority of people (except those who yearn for "the simpler
days" and pursue antiquated pursuits and collect antique curiosities)

>To apply a little hard logic

Hardly ... more like narrow-minded emotionalism ...

> I would say that all testing regarding ham radio licensing is
> a rite of passage--not just the code segment.

Baloney ... the theory is a valid, relevant requirement, even
though the testing methodology needs fixing and the material

is largely outdated ...

> What most of the critics of code requirements seem to miss
> or dismiss is the highly romantic nature of the hobby.

Have you been sniffing that solder flux solvent again or what???

> Perhaps ham radio has seen its time come and now it is time
> to hang it up.. I am quite serious on this point. The tecnhical
> requirements beyond regulatory items, are nearly all a priori
> exercises and mean little after the test is completed--much like
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> person did some slick engineering in the amateur radio venue, and I
> guess we all can and often do so.

And there'd be a LOT more of that if the Morse hazing ritual were
abandoned, technical rules modernized, and that sort of invention
and innovation were encouraged rather than looked at with fear and
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If more hams were more technically comptent, they'd be more
able to fix their own gear ... contrary to popular appliance operator
propaganda, the trend towards suface mount construction does
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new techniques ... and it doesn't take thousands of dollars worth
of specialized equipment either ...

In fact, if hams were more technically competent, they might
actually BUILD more of their own gear ... either from scratch
or from kits (a resurgence of kits would certainly occur if there
were more people capable of building them).

> I really don't see what the problem is once you rationalize
> the whole mess. Just dues, Cecil. Code is just the dues you must
> pay for admission just like useless technical dues...

At least you admit that code testing is nothing more than a useless
hazing ritual ... but your assertions WRT theory are totally bogus.
>
> Keep up the fight for what you belive, but please don't

> mix the metaphors so much...you will be happier.
>
>
> Adios es 73
>
> Bob,KE6F

Carl - wa6vse
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347. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <33751728.3DCE@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2653
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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Rather appropriate for antiquated evils like bold-faced lies. Remember you
invited me to "call it what it is" - so I did.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

348. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337519FB.3499@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2654
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Gerald Schmitt wrote:
> Pursue worthy advisaries and leave the krill to the baleens.

But Jerry, it's so tempting to enter an intellectual battle with an
unarmed adversary.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

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Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <3375200D.58FC@calweb.com>
Source record: 2655
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> Have you been sniffing that solder flux solvent again or what???
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Well, it had to happen sooner or later. I mean the smart ass
remark about sniffing and so on. Why can't you rascals maintain
any kind of decorum with your commentaries. You tout technical
progress yet you argue with the mentality of gutter rats with
your crass insults and innuendo. You might make a little more
headway in you case for a no code ham system if you in fact
paid more attention to the tradition and less to half baked
arguments. All I've seen so far is glittering and less than glittering
generalities and snide cheap shots with very little substance.
Please! Tell all how the technical level of our hobby will
rise like the Phoenix when code is no longer part of the entry
mechanism. Give me three solid examples. Hell, give me at least one
that is not full of vague and apocryphal rankings. What I have
said about our technical testing is true and it needs more than
a little fixing. Both of us have made similar observations of the
sad state of affairs our ham operations are in--yet we seem to be
on different planets in our quest for the holy grail of radio
amateur salvation. I see a number of causal agents that are tearing
at the fabric of our hobby, you choose to take a singular and
purely emotional and often vengeful mission citing CW as
Satan incarnate without so much as a clue as to the rest of the problems
facing the hobby.

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> > your commentary on the alleged obsolete code requirement.
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> Testing needs to be made relevant and methodology fixed to assure
> that applicants really understand the radio/electronics theory, rather
> than having simply stuffed some answers into short term memory.

Ok fine. What would you do to fix it up? Come on now Carl. You
and your sidekicks are good at taking the cheap shots at anyone who
tries to have a civilized interchange, so how about dropping the
horseshoe facade of the almighty expert and tell us folks in the
wings how you guys want to rebuild (I guess re-engineer is the new
buzzword in the industry) the amateur radio service. We anxiously

wait your plan and just shooting the CW messenger is not good
enough. I want some tangible suggestions on how we can fix
the testing process that will ensure to a degree that our amateur radio
hobby/service will indeed serve the public's interest.

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> abandoned, technical rules modernized, and that sort of invention
> and innovation were encouraged rather than looked at with fear and
> distrust by a bunch of incompetent olde fartz who can't understand
> the benefits and fear what they can't understand ... you know, the

Well am I to assume from your comment that I am an incompetent
olde farte? My My. Getting a little emotional now are we. Old Fart
my fat ass. What have you contributed to the hobby as a whole in the
last two years. Have you published any articles that provided state
of the art information for your fellow hams to study and review? Have
you given any assistance, instruction or free equipment to a budding
amateur lately? Or have you accumulated enough test equipment to
set up a facility so you can fix your gear if it breaks? Or do
you just spend your every waking hour sitting in front of the PC
tapping out vitriolic dogma to entertain your droogs?

> "get the hell off of 'MY' frequency with that newfangled digital stuff"

That kind of interchange is as old as the hobby, spark v cw,
am v cw, am v ssb, ssb v am. and so on. Keeps us on our toes. Hell,
if these digital toys are so damn good they should whir right
through the cw guys with ease. Yup Yup!

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> NOT preclude fix it yourself, it just means you have to learn some
> new techniques ... and it doesn't take thousands of dollars worth
> of specialized equipment either ...

I agree 10000 percent on this one. You can set up a first
class shop with nifty HP test gear and tektronics scopes and so on
for less than the price of a used HF rice box. No bloody excuse for
not taking care of your junk and learning how it works and if you

can get the parts off the board without roaching the board then go for it.
>
> In fact, if hams were more technically competent, they might
> actually BUILD more of their own gear ... either from scratch
> or from kits (a resurgence of kits would certainly occur if there
> were more people capable of building them).
>
Again I agree 10000 percent. The prophets of doom say that hams can't get parts to build with. If ever there was a MYTH propagated, the no parts MYTH is it. Never in the history of the ham radio service hobby has so much good stuff been available and and microcents on the dollar. Unfortunately the so call experts intimidate a lot of the newcomers into thinking that it takes a Ph.D. to design and build complex equipment. Nothing could be further from the truth. All it takes is a good pile of old CQs, QSTs, 73,s Ham Radio mag, and so on to illustrate the accomplishments of our amateur radio service to give them the needed exposure and hopefully sink the metaphorical magic hook into their emotional centers. That is what I have not been able to put across in my prior postings. I am not proposing that we should cloak the hobby in mysticism, just invoke the magic that pulls us into the hobby be it technical or even Morse if it works for them. A simple concept that is difficult to explain when everyone is too busy ranting from their high altitude soap boxes.

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> At least you admit that code testing is nothing more than a useless
> hazing ritual ... but your assertions WRT theory are totally bogus.

I did not say code testing is a useless hazing ritual. It is indeed a ritual and as I study this process in more detail I have come to believe it is an excellent ritual for all hams to partake in. If it were possible I would suggest that all hams, when they passed a specific level of code and technical testing, be taken to a quiet outdoor place, bon fires would be set, drums would pound, bamboo flutes would play, and each candidate would go through a real rite of passage ceremony where the license, in the form of some metal icon, would be presented to the initiate. And with this initiation the new ham would be lauded for his accomplishments in getting to his/her current level, but he/she would be admonished as to what would be expected in the future. Technical competence would be but one continuing quest with code as another skill to master and maintain.

Carl, I would like to think that you and your buddies are sincere in your concern for the welfare of the hobby/service. It would be even more convincing if somehow the debate could be tempered with enumerated suggestions or steps by which a no code system could be worked our, or perhaps some schema that would allow the continued use of code testing

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> >

Tnx for the read. I'm tired. I don't
usually get wrapped up in these head knocking
contests, but I was baby sitting my grandson today
and at 6 weeks he could not offer me a lot of
conversation although the grins are sure cute.

73

Bob Miller, KE6F

> > Adios es 73
> >
> > Bob,KE6F
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net
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350. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <33752102.4811@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2656
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Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> Have you been sniffing that solder flux solvent again or what???

Hi Carl, it's worse than that. Most old hams that I know and knew (SKs),
chewed on lead-based solder while they built gadgets. I'll bet if older
hams were tested for lead-poisoning, it would be shown to be rampant.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

351. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
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Date: 1997-05-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <337553A1.25A@calweb.com>
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> communications. As it is, if ham radio wants to view him as a reject from
> an asylum, he says the service can just GTH without him (obviously well under
> way).
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> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
Well how can I contact Dr. Williamson to get his views on the subject.
Again, Cecil, your refernce to a presumabley nice fellow is again
an apocryphal statement lacking any foundation other than your
hearsay testimonial. Perhaps Dr. Williamson could get on the net
and speak for himself and perhaps enlighten us all with his observations
and how the code has prevented him from contributing to the amateur
radio service. The reject from an asylum is your metaphor and your
lopsided analysis, not mine.

What say we now, Cecil?

73, bob

353. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5l4rf8$c51@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2573
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc5da9$73ee8940$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

[blah blah blah, yada yada yada... same old $#!+]

>"lid" is another term that comes to mind when I read ...
...
>Carl - wa6vse
>wa6vse@fast.net

Yup, Carl's back. rec.radio.amateur.* was relatively insult-free for
a week or so... Since Carl's return, I've counted 5 postings today alone
with personal insults directed at other posters. C'est la vie. Some things
will never change...

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

354. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Message-ID: <01bc5e32$d62117c0$5c9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
<3375E8E0.5F5A@delphi.com>...
> CrACKeD wrote:
> > You can kick off the list with me on top, then you can visit No-Code
> > International on the web and add a few more hundred to the list, to
start.
>
> Are you truly advocating treating CW like spark and outlawing it?

No, Cecil, I don't believe he his ... I have yet to see a no-code-test
advocate who wanted to outright ban the use of Morse ... that's a
red herring that the pro-coders throw up once in a while ... nothing
more ...

> The
> question is, should qualified hams be free to use CW or not as they
choose?

Of course ... that's all we want ... where "qualified" means "technically
qualified" not "able to beep at fast rates" ...

> To the best of my knowledge, No-Code International wants to eliminate
> Morse code *testing*, not make it illegal to use CW. If you want to use
the
> force of the federal government to outlaw CW, you are worse than the
> most rabid pro-coder. I don't hear anybody advocating outlawing all the
> other modes except CW.

Nor we other no-code-test advocates advocating outlawing the use of Morse
by those who wish to use it ...

> For all the rational reasons that the pro-code crowd give for maintaining
> the code-testing requirement,

I haven't ever seen one of those ...

> I consider CW operation a useful skill to
> possess and advocate that every ham learn that skill.

Adovcating and forcing are two different animals ... everyone is free to
advocate
whatever you like, but that doesn't give anyone the right to force their
desires
or their favorite mode on everone else ...

> As time permits, I
> am in the process of trying to get my Morse code speed up to 20 wpm. In
> that respect, I am a member of the pro-code crowd.

Fine an wonderful ... you *choose* to pursue that because you want to ...
if someone held a virtual gun to your head and said "do it or else ..." I'm
pretty sure you'd resent it and feel it inappropriate and oppressive ...

> I am also a member of
> the anti-code-testing crowd because I oppose *all* welfare-state
subsidies.
> I consider both of the following to be evils that should not exist:
>
> 1. Using the threat of force from the federal government to subsidize
> Morse code testing.

Agreed ...

> 2. Using the threat of force from the federal government to outlaw CW.

Also agreed ...

> CW testing is the evil,
> not the CW mode. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water.

Agreed ... I never proposed that we should, nor would I support such
a proposal ...

Carl - wa6vse
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355. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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> From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
> To: Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net>
> Subject: Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"
> Date: Saturday, May 10, 1997 8:25 PM
> > > What most of the critics of code requirements seem to miss
> > > or dismiss is the highly romantic nature of the hobby.
> >
> > Have you been sniffing that solder flux solvent again or what???
> >
>
> Well, it had to happen sooner or later. I mean the smart ass
> remark about sniffing and so on.

Sorry 'bout that ... I couldn't resist ... all that stuff about
romanticism, etc.
just set me off ... ham radio is *supposed* (read part 97) to be a
primarily
technical pursuit ... not some romantic fantasy of saving the day with a
Morse tx cobbled together from the wrecked remains of something else
in some unlikely emergency ... real value is brought to emergency and
public service communications by well-trained operators using modern,
reliable, and prepared equipment and using pre-planned and practiced
methods ... nobody WANTS Morse any more in the real world ... only
a minority of hams cling to it with quasi-religious fervor (remember, even
the ARRL's surveys show that less than 40% of hams EVER use Morse
any more ...)

[snip]

> Please! Tell all how the technical level of our hobby will
> rise like the Phoenix when code is no longer part of the entry
> mechanism. Give me three solid examples. Hell, give me at least one
> that is not full of vague and apocryphal rankings.

First, in over 25 years of career as an RF equipment designer and
communications systems engineer, I have worked with literally hundreds
of highly-qualified, competent, level-headed, polite, considerate folks
who would have made wonderfully well-behaved hams who could have
and would have contributed greatly to our service and our community
were it not for one thing ... the Archaic Retro Radio Luddites and their
cronies the "CW Forever Olde Fartz" insisted that the they be required
to demonstrate a Pavlovian conditioning in an 1847 encoding/decoding
scheme that virtually anyone with a grip on the technical realities admits

is about THE worst possible encoding scheme one cold conceive, that has "seen better days," and in which they have absolutely ZERO interest.

These are people who could sit down on any given morning and pass the extra theory while still half asleep and not break a sweat ... They (rightly
and understandably) refuse to bow to a community which predominantly consists of their technical inferiors and waste significant amounts of their
valuable time and eneergy just to jump through the hoop of some cranky old men's club's fraternity hazing ritual ... in other words, Morse and the
attitudes that go with it amongst the technically ignorant who still think Morse is better than sex are the SOLE reasons that thousands of otherwise participating, contributing technical experts have stayed away in droves.

In short, if Morse had been made optional about three decades ago, like it should have been, we'd have a far larger number of technically competent hams in our ranks and we probably wouldn't be stagnated with the technology of the 1950s and 1960s like we currently are ...

> What I have
> said about our technical testing is true and it needs more than
> a little fixing. Both of us have made similar observations of the
> sad state of affairs our ham operations are in--yet we seem to be
> on different planets in our quest for the holy grail of radio
> amateur salvation.

We do agree that the technical testing methodolgy is flawed and permits huge numbers of technically incompetent people to gain licenses ... that's directly because the entire emphasis of the ARRL's "Incentive Licensing" scheme was to assert the ability to copy faster and faster Morse as the primary metric of "goodness and merit" in a ham. This "search for the holy grail," quasi-religious pursuit_of/demand_for Morse "skill" has diverted the
attention of several generations of hams from the true (technical) nature and
purpose of ham radio ... this perversion has been exacerbated by the ARRL's insistence on promoting a "paint-ball combat" mentality of competitive sports
where the participants primary goal is to demonstrate their idea of machismo
by stomping everthing and everyone into the dust with their "mine is bigger than yours signal." This has perverted our service into "it's ONLY a hobby"
and resulted in the total distortion of our purpose and raison d'etre ... I would
imagine that Mr. Maxim would spin at at least low RF rates if he could see what has become of ham radio and the League in the past few decades ... he'd
probably use the Wouff Hong on the first cretin who insisted in knowing his

"10-10 number" in order to talk to him ...

> I see a number of causal agents that are tearing
> at the fabric of our hobby, you choose to take a singular and
> purely emotional and often vengeful mission citing CW as
> Satan incarnate without so much as a clue as to the rest of the problems
> facing the hobby.

See above ... there's more wrong with ham radio than *just* Morse
but MOST of it rests on the foundation of perverted attitudes that
Morse fanaticism and the ARRL have promoted and enforced for the
past few decades ... the ARRL and it's retrogressive, stagnating
policies are orchestrating the ham radio equivalent of Jonestown or
the recent mass suicides near San Diego ... unless hams wake up
and reject this cultist fantasy dogma and at least make an effort to
catch up and move towards the 21st century, we're equally suicical.

The idea that ham radio can march into the 21st century and survive
with an insistence that it's primary focus is the maintenance of Morse
forever (or that Morse is even *important* any more) is at least as far
from reality as the belief that those poor, misguided folks near San Diego
have joined aliens on a spaceship following the Hale-Bopp comet ...

> Ok fine. What would you do to fix it up? Come on now Carl. You
> and your sidekicks are good at taking the cheap shots at anyone who
> tries to have a civilized interchange, so how about dropping the
> horseshoe facade of the almighty expert and tell us folks in the
> wings how you guys want to rebuild (I guess re-engineer is the new
> buzzword in the industry) the amateur radio service. We anxiously
> wait your plan and just shooting the CW messenger is not good
> enough. I want some tangible suggestions on how we can fix
> the testing process that will ensure to a degree that our amateur radio
> hobby/service will indeed serve the public's interest.

Steve (much to my surprise and pleasure at the time) recently made a
proposal that I felt went a long way towards what we need ... I offered
up a few suggested modifications and others did as well ...

It basically was a compromise (for the time being at least) that would
have kept a 5 wpm Morse test for HF access to satisfy the ITU treaty
(though a 1 character/day test would, too, since no speed requirement
is specified). I suggested starting with 3 classes of license .... a VHF
and up no-code like today's no-code tech, only with a more appropriate
level of technical knowledge required for the privs conveyed; a "beginner"
(or whatever you want to call it) license with the same test, plus 5wpm
code, and full HF access all bands, all modes with a power limit of say
50-250 Watts PEP output maximum ... (the theory test for these 2 "lower"
classes of license would be AT LEAST AS comprehensive as the (current)
full general class, probably a bit more ...); and the "advanced" (or
whatever
you want to call the "highest" class of license) would gain the 1500W PEP
output power limit, the ability to be a VEC, etc. ... the theory for this

would
include all the elements for the lower class, plus more to be equal to or perhaps even a bit more comprehensive/advanced than the current extra theory ... there would be no further code speed test to upgrade to this class.

The idea is to re-emphasize the technical purpose or our service and remove the perverted emphasis on the worst possible mode available (except for spark
which was outlawed years ago) ... note I have not proposed and would not support a ban on the use of Morse by those who wish to learn an use it ... but it cannot continue to be the "guiding light" by which all of hamdom is measured, judged, and valued ... that perverts us from our real purpose and gives us a very bad public image ...

> > > You can cite anecdotal events where this person or that
> > > person did some slick engineering in the amateur radio venue, and I
> > > guess we all can and often do so.
> >
> > And there'd be a LOT more of that if the Morse hazing ritual were
> > abandoned, technical rules modernized, and that sort of invention
> > and innovation were encouraged rather than looked at with fear and
> > distrust by a bunch of incompetent olde fartz who can't understand
> > the benefits and fear what they can't understand ... you know, the
>
> Well am I to assume from your comment that I am an incompetent
> olde farte? My My. Getting a little emotional now are we.

I didn't say *you* were ... I don't know you well enough to form that opinion
yet ... getting a little defensive now are we???

> Old Fart my fat ass.

See above for part 1; WRT part 2, I have no knowledge of, nor any desire to obtain knowledge of, the size of your ass ... <grin>

> What have you contributed to the hobby as a whole in the
> last two years. Have you published any articles that provided state
> of the art information for your fellow hams to study and review? Have
> you given any assistance, instruction or free equipment to a budding
> amateur lately? Or have you accumulated enough test equipment to
> set up a facility so you can fix your gear if it breaks? Or do
> you just spend your every waking hour sitting in front of the PC
> tapping out vitriolic dogma to entertain your droogs?

Actually I've encouraged quite a few new hams into the hobby, helped them "learn the ropes," etc. I've also been doing some design and development work that may in the relatively near term benefit many (I prefer not to go into details at this time) .... Yes, I have, or have access to "enough test equipment to fix my gear if it breaks" ... I also have a very complete set of design and development tools, ranging from

schematic capture (2 versions), to PCB design (2 versions), to simulation (analog, digital, block-diagram-level, and VHDL), as well as xPLD, FPGA, and full-blown ASIC development tools ... in other words, I can design and produce my own custome ASICs ... and I have plans of doing just that ... I also have software and hardware development tools for x86, PIC, TMS370, and several Mot uP/uC parts, as well as DSP development software and hardware tools for the TI TMS320C5x and 54x and Analog devices ADSP21xx series devices ...

I haven't published anything in the past few years ... it's been a slow period
for me in that regard ... but I've published quite a bit in the past ...

Does that measure up to your standards???

> > "get the hell off of 'MY' frequency with that newfangled digital stuff"
>
> That kind of interchange is as old as the hobby, spark v cw,
> am v cw, am v ssb, ssb v am. and so on. Keeps us on our toes. Hell,
> if these digital toys are so damn good they should whir right
> through the cw guys with ease. Yup Yup!

They will ... and they do ... the cretins with their strings of dits and swooshing
carriers don't really accomplish anything ... except perhaps to occasionally
cause a retransmission or slow the throughput down a tad ... but they can't really distrupt a well-designed digital system ...

However, that sort of behavior is STILL unacceptable and deplorable and should be discouraged and punished when proven.

> > If more hams were more technically competent, they'd be more
> > able to fix their own gear ... contrary to popular appliance operator
> > propaganda, the trend towards surface mount construction does
> > NOT preclude fix it yourself, it just means you have to learn some
> > new techniques ... and it doesn't take thousands of dollars worth
> > of specialized equipment either ...
>
> I agree 10000 percent on this one. You can set up a first
> class shop with nifty HP test gear and tektronics scopes and so on
> for less than the price of a used HF rice box. No bloody excuse for
> not taking care of your junk and learning how it works and if you
> can get the parts off the board without roaching the board then go for
> it.
> >
> > In fact, if hams were more technically competent, they might
> > actually BUILD more of their own gear ... either from scratch
> > or from kits (a resurgence of kits would certainly occur if there
> > were more people capable of building them).
> >
> Again I agree 10000 percent. The prophets of doom say that

> hams can't get parts to build with. If ever there was a MYTH propagated,
> the no parts MYTH is it. Never in the history of the ham radio service
> hobby has so much good stuff been available and and microcents on the
> dollar. Unfortunately the so call experts intimidate a lot of
> the newcomers into thinking that it takes a Ph.D. to design and
> build complex equipment. Nothing could be further from the truth. All
> it takes is a good pile of old CQs, QSTs, 73,s Ham Radio mag, and
> so on to illustrate the accomplishments of our amateur radio service
> to give them the needed exposure and hopefully sink the metaphorical
> magic hook into their emotional centers.

The problem is that too many balk at the Morse requirment ... it's
like "buyer's remorse" ... they're hooked and interested in all the
technical
stuff ... then they find out about the code and go off to write software,
build computer BBS systems, and other stuff that satisfies their technical
side without the torture and wasted time of Morse ... people who LIKE
Morse seem irrationally incapable of understanding that they are in the
vanishingly small minority ... they can't believe that people won't "come
around" and like it "if they just learn it and give it a try" ... that's
fantasy.
It's like forcing everyone to eat beets because YOU like them, in the
belief that "If they just try them, everyone will like them." Doesn't work
that way ....

> I did not say code testing is a useless hazing ritual. It is indeed a
> ritual and as I study this process in more detail I have come
> to believe it is an excellent ritual for all hams to partake in.

Rituals have no place in government licensing schemes designed
to grant access to publicly-owned resources like the highways or
our spectrum ...

> it were possible I would suggest that all hams, when they passed
> a specific level of code and technical testing, be taken to a
> quiet outdoor place, bon fires would be set, drums would pound, bamboo
> flutes would play, and each candidate would go through a real rite of
> passage ceremony where the license, in the form of some metal icon,
> would be presented to the initiate.

Perhaps is could be literally pinned to the flesh of their chests, like
in the recent military scandals??? I think you're taking this ritual
stuff FAR too seriously ...

> And with this initiation the new
> ham would be lauded for his accomplishments in getting to his/her
> current level, but he/she would be admonished as to what would be
> expected in the future. Technical competence would be but one
> continuing quest with code as another skill to master and maintain.

Code has a vanishing place in the future of ham radio ... times and
technology change and all the wishful thinking and dogma in the world

cannot change that ... the only question is will ham radio survive to have a future or will it stagnate so badly that it no longer provides enough "return on investment" to justify its' spectral allocations ... IMHO, we're at or past the failure point now and the regulators just haven't gotten around to figuring out how to drop the axe yet ... we need to do some fancy footwork and fast in order to escape the executioner's blade ...

> Carl, I would like to think that you and your buddies are sincere in
> your concern for the welfare of the hobby/service. It would be even
> more convincing if somehow the debate could be tempered with enumerated
> suggestions or steps by which a no code system could be worked our,

We've suggested exactly the sorts of progresive solutions that I've mentioned
above ... they are all always summarily rejected by the "CW forever crowd". The ARRL committee is actually proposing even more regressive "restructuring"
that will increase the difficulty of code testing and make code testing and even
more dominant barrier to upgrading than it has been in the past ...

> perhaps some schema that would allow the continued use of code testing
> in a form that will satisfy those who would feel cheated if their dues
> had been paid only to have the accomplishment denigrated by saying
> that their struggles were meaningless.

Learning faster and faster code has meaning only if the student enjoys and values it ... otherwise it was just a tortuous hoop that one jumped through to pass a hazing ritual ...

In my suggestions for the new license structure/testing schemes, I said that I would support a grandfathering of current priveleges for current licensees
until their next renewal time or 5 years, which ever was longer ... at which
time they would have to pass the new written tests ... and that I would very
much support retesting (with current material) at each renewal ... even if it
was just a quick "spot-check" test on newer develpments that everyone took, rather than a complete, comprehensive retest, it would emphasize the importance
of maintaining technical currency and the true nature of our service. I think the time allotted is sufficient notice and opportunity to study for those
who wish to maintain privileges to comply ...

> The operational relevance of
> CW is not an issue nor is the efficiency of our current data systems
> anything to shout about either. When the crap hits the fans you will
> find that an adhocracy of mixed modes seems to form automatically and
> for reasons that are too difficult to explain in this venue, ham radio

> just works despite all of its archaic trappings..works well.

When the crap hits the fan, preparation of systems, operators, and
proceedures, coupled with training and practice are what "cut the mustard."
NO EMS agency has any use for CW any more ... they all want tactical
voice on VHF/UHF-FM with SSB for wider area nets, and they want
packet interties for bulk written message traffic ... offer them a crew of
Morse ops and they'll virtually universally laugh you our of their op
center with instructions to get out of their way and stay out of their way.
Offer them something that they see as useful and they'll welcome you
with open arms in most cases ... unless they've had a bad experince
with untrained, unprepared lids in the past ...

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Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com> wrote in article
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>The reject from an asylum is your metaphor and your
> lopsided analysis, not mine.

NO ... it's not just a metaphor ... or a lopsided analysis ... it's the way that technically competent people who are unwilling to bow down to the false god of the Morsedist quasi-religion are treated by technically ignorant beepers who can't hold a candle to people like Cecil is talking about in terms of ability to contribute to the service ...

In fact, I maintain that the, deep down inside, the beepers *know* how inferior they are to these sorts of folks and they can't stand the thought of facing the fact that beeping fast doesn't count for squat any more in the real world, so the reject, mistreat, and drive away people who with superior talents to try to prop up their own sense of importance.

That's the way *I* see it ... and it's no wonder that people like Cecil's acquaintance figure hams are a bunch of jerks who can GTH ...
it's exactly because that's how many hams act ...

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> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
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> >that's why I favor
> >retesting at each license renewal ... too damned many hams that passed
> >their tests in the 30s-60s took the attitude that there was nothing more
to
> >learn and stagnated right there ...
>
> A valid idea, but one that will never come to fruition... Too much work
> for the VECs... Unless, of course, you could convince W5YI/ARRL that they
> would make million$$$ selling new license manuals every 10 years... Yeah,
> I bet they'd do it then...

My God!!! Something that you'll agree with me on? Are you feeling ill,
Mike?

Seriously, the case is valid and there would be revenue involved for
someone
in producing study manuals ... though I have doubts that the ARRL could
ever
come to terms sufficiently with modern technology to produce viable study
materials for a meaningful test ... they'd have to subcontact it out for
sure ...

> >that's why they're technically ignorant
> >and inept today, and that doesn't do a damned thing towards meeting our
> >chartered goals and purpose ...
>
> I find just about everyone licensed in the past 10 years to be
technically
> ignorant. Just three days ago I heard a three-month "wonderboy" asking
> someone how to construct an attenuator.
>
>
> >that's why our bands are being taken away
> >for commercial services one by one ...
>
> I've always thought it was because they had more money than us... Silly
me.

Yup ... occasionally the goverment screws up and has enough sense to do something right ... the original establishment of ham radio as a service for technical experimentation and self-education and public service communications
was such a case ... they can still see the possiblity of a non-cash return on
investment, but we're not producing under the current conditions ... that's why
we've lost bands and why we'll continue to loose them unless we turn things around and get ham radio back on the charter track ... I know you'll not agree
that that's a primarily technical course, but that's the reality whether you can
see it or not ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

358. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Alan <jobs@rida.net>
Message-ID: <33761AB1.410C@rida.net>
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> for amateur radio also do not require 'code' (whatever that 'code'
> is)... imho: amateur radio is not the 'code' (whatever that is), and
> the 'code' (whatever that is) is not amateur radio -- never has been,
> never will be...
> >
> >73, K4XA
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Let's not continue the lowering of standards in this country. May CW is
not loved by all, but it is not so hard to learn, really. If the hobby
has value to you, learn the code. If we scratch the code, next will be
theory and then will be.....

Keep the code, it has value as a filter if nothing else.

Alan
W1HYV

359. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <33761AD7.347C@calweb.com>
Source record: 2579
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> Jim was supposed to send you an email explaining his biological problem
> with Morse code. Did you get his email yet? What say you?
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Hi Cecil,

No he didn't but I would certainly like to chat with the fellow
since I would be interested in his story. As to "lower class hams"
I find the label disgusting and would not entertain the thought.
Ludwig Van was apparently deaf as a post, but his music is still
great...hardly a cripple in the general sense of the word.
The great American Historian, Francis Parkman, was so visually
and physically crippled that he had to fabricate a string matrix
to support his quill pen, yet he turned out some of the richest prose
on America's history and is the envy of numerous historians even today.
His style is so rich that it actually aggravates some historians and
writers who, with complete faculties, cannot come close to his prose.
Read his "Oregon Trail" sometime for a glimpse at real genius and
fortitude even if his version of history may tend to push the
envelope of truth from time to time.

Bob, KE6F

360. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <337629d7.14571281@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2580
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sat, 10 May 1997 18:29:38 -0700, Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote:

>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>> Have you been sniffing that solder flux solvent again or what???
>
>Hi Carl, it's worse than that. Most old hams that I know and knew (SKs),
>chewed on lead-based solder while they built gadgets. I'll bet if older
>hams were tested for lead-poisoning, it would be shown to be rampant.
>
>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Even if it is, we shouldn't worry too much about it. While high blood lead levels aren't healthy, they don't have too great an effect on the mental faculties of adults. The concern is in young developing children, where high blood lead levels correlate strongly with reduced mental function. That's probably because the brain is still developing, and is more vulnerable.

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l5hpg$kfi@dfw-ixnews10.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2581
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5l4rf8$c51@anomaly.ideamation.com>
kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam (Michael P. Deignan) writes:

>
>Yup, Carl's back. rec.radio.amateur.* was relatively insult-free for
>a week or so... Since Carl's return, I've counted 5 postings today
alone
>with personal insults directed at other posters. C'est la vie. Some
things
>will never change...
>
>MD

Sort of like you going out of your way to insult Carl and get the mud slinging started again. Left to his own devices Carl's posts are usually fairly well reasoned and quite the oposite of yours, perhaps this is the reason for your seeming personal dislike for him. To my mind Carl's greatest weakness is letting YOUR personal insults get under his skin. As you say "some things will never change".

362. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33764DAF.6996@delphi.com>
Source record: 2582
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Alan wrote:
> Keep the code, it has value as a filter if nothing else. Alan

It's a filter all right, just like a gold filter. It lets the
dirt through and keeps out the gold.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33764C8A.7433@delphi.com>
Source record: 2583
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wouldn't recognize it? Guess a real ham wouldn't even notice?

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never had an official 13 wpm CW exam? What can you possibly gain
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code since I had bested him over the air at CW and he had
no machine for sending Morse code. So here I am as an advanced
with a EE degree and 40 years of engineering experience as a result
of that conditional license. Would you have me undo all of that,
or what? Real hams don't need EE degrees? They only need Morse code?

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From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l5jc5$4c4@dfw-ixnews9.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2584
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <33761AB1.410C@rida.net> Alan <jobs@rida.net> writes:
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Actually Alan for some people it is not all that easy. Apparently is was reasonably easy for you but it can be very difficult to impossible for others. Saying "it is not so hard" strikes a nerve in folks who expended massive effort to master code, even worse for those who simply could never do it.

As to its value as a filter, what does it filter, and is this filtering a good thing? It filters out busy technical people I fail to see the benifit in this. It apparently does not filter out lids as 75 meters and portions of other bands demonstrate. Some of the best most curteous operators you run across are the new nocode techs. They don't quite have it all down yet and they want to do things right so they try harder. In my area at least they run most of the clubs and organize the hamfests because it's all new to them and they want to contribute.

In fact the primary beneficiaries of the current caste ooops I mean incentive system are the code adepts perhaps at the expense of the greater good and even amateur radio itself. Just some food for thought.

Jerry

365. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Terry Morris <kb8amz@en.com>
Message-ID: <33754E7F.58E3@en.com>
Source record: 2585
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Gordon Eade wrote:
>
> Mastering Morse code is a very difficult task. It takes many long hours of
> practice to gain the necessary degree of proficiency to pass the 20 wpm
> test in all it takes approximately 80 hours of practice over about 8
> months.
Thats ridiculous, but maybe not for you. If a person spends 2 fifteen
minute sessions per day for 3 - 4 weeks that person should be proficient
enough to copy 20 wpm. There is a stipulation though. The person must
WANT TO LEARN the code.

> It takes another 5 years of practice to begin to approach the proficiency
> required to communicate with all but the very best operators on the air.

I telling you from experience. If you pass the code at 20 wpm and then
operate a 5 wpm, as long as your code is not QLF, you will be operating
proficiently with anyone that QSO's with you at 5 wpm. However, if you
passed the 20 wpm code I can't comprehend why you would want to operate
at a slower speed, unless you JUST WANTED to operate slower or work
someone that sends at a slower speed. Geez, is it really that
difficult???

> Some day I hope to master the code, but I fear it is another 5 years away.
You're a quitter; a loafer; a whiner; a procrastenator. If you
continue to make excuses you'll never feel at ease at 20 wpm.

Practice...Practice...Practice, you'll get there, someday, SOON if you
REALLY want to pass the test. GOOD LUCK!

73, KB8AMZ

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5l50uo$3nc@dolphin.cannet.com>
Source record: 2586
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

:>Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and
:there is
:>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
:anti-code-test
:>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to
:make.
:>
:>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
:
:Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy watching
:the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
:Dale

...and if they should get their wish, and code testing is abolished, the next thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain modes of communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up valuable frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of communicating!"

Tom - N8ECW

367. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <337697A0.5038@delphi.com>
Source record: 2587
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Gary Coffman wrote:
> I'd buy that he doesn't want to *waste* his time arguing with us, but I
> don't buy the idea he literally doesn't have the time.

Hi Gary, it's a polite way of saying the same thing. "I don't have time"
is a little softer than, "I don't have time to waste on such nonsense."

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

368. Re:QRZ KC5ZEZ BRYAN LAWSO

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: dean.hoover@dhs-bbs.win.net
Message-ID: <58780103@dhs-bbs.win.net>
Source record: 2588
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Two questions, Graham,

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I know the code (at least 5wpm), and I gripe about it.

U(M*>Bottom line is it doesn't matter WHY its required. Only that it
U(M*>IS required.

Why doesn't it matter? Is that really a good bottom line?

-Speed limit is 55. Do you ever speed? Do you talk to the policeman
to get you out if you get caught?
-Work hours are 9 to 5. Have you ever shown up late? Ever sneak out
a little early for a 9-holer?

The point I would like to make is that even though the code exists and
remains a requirement for advancement in the amateur class, doesn't
mean that it's a good idea, simply that it exists. If you agree with
it, fine. You're entitled. I don't agree, at least with the current
standing. I think change is good and needs to be at least looked at.

By the way, if we couldn't argue about this because it IS required,
there wouldn't need to be all these usenets and forums, eh?

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From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33769604.6558@delphi.com>
Source record: 2590
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Terry Morris wrote:
> There is a stipulation though. The person must WANT TO LEARN the code.

So you are telling us that the guy who tried for 20 years to get to
13wpm didn't want to learn the code? Say Terry, do you really want
to learn how to dunk a basketball? If you only want to learn how,
then you can.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <3376956A.3B7A@calweb.com>
Source record: 2591
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Cecil A. Moore wrote:
>

Cecil, you are incredible. Through innuendo you have inferred that
I am a Nazi, a Communist, a Fascist, and God only know what else based
solely on my commentaries regarding the loss of civility on ham radio as
it pertains to the code v no code argument. But when a person is put
on a marble throne as the Poster Kid for No Code and is cited as
the guy who is the Old Timer who just loves CW and infers that he
is pro CW for himself but has SEEEEN the light and now sees code as
a Satan incarnate. I think it is fair game to sit for the critique
of his peer group. Seems as though my questions were accurately placed
and as to cheap shots and innuendo. No I earned my weird 4 letter call,
I did not buy it! Simple as that. As to the OOTC membership That is
fine with me.
I am quite aware of the many forms of fallacious reasoning and
the arguementum ad hominem. You rascals use that and a number of
others on a continual basis so don't lecture me on the Rhetoric, Cecil,
or I'll dig out Aristotle and critique every post you rascals make.
As to implying that you did anything illegal. Not in your wildest
dreams. I think I had the scenario down pretty good. Nothing
wrong with what you did. Good for you.
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> is called "argumentum ad hominem". Did you think a member of Mensa
> wouldn't recognize it? Guess a real ham wouldn't even notice?
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Oh Boy, another Wayne Green in the making. Excuse me but you don't
get all fuzzy over the Mensa reference. As I said if you think you
deserve the honor of wearing the Red Robe then do so.

> My novice license expired in 1952. If I had waited until
> 1997 and got a no-code tech license, I would still be eligible for
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> soon as it was possible. You don't seem to like the fact that I
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> for being jealous. Real hams have Wx3 calls.

No personal attack, just a clearing of the air. And if the
above is not a slam at every ham that has a call with Two Alpha
characters in front, then what is it. Why in the world would I
be jealous of you Cecil. I have enough problems in life without
wasting my energy worrying about whether you think my call letters
are uncool. BTW W6RCA is a cool call and I am glad you got it back.
>
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> with an EE degree and 40 years of engineering experience as a result
> of that conditional license. Would you have me undo all of that,
> or what? Real hams don't need EE degrees? They only need Morse code?
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I really don't see what the EE degree has to do with ham radio. It is
not a requirement. I graduated University with honors and am finishing
up on my Masters this year, yet it has little to do with ham radio so
what's the point?

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> radio since I didn't get into it the "right" way. What I did was
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> legally through the waiver process. Real hams don't get waivers?

Why would I want you kicked off the air? Hell, the more
the merrier Its just to darn bad that have not had these discussions
on the air as it would sure make for interesting communications. I
think we can both agree that most ham QSOs, regardless of mode, are
perfunctory in the main and usually pretty boring.
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> illness in more than one of us. What? Real hams don't do 10wpm?
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Actually I prefer to putter around the same speed that way I can
write it down from time to time without cramps. Yes, even so-called
CW operators have their problems with the outdated mode. Basic rule
of the road on CW is to give back speed as it is given to you. If it
is 3-5 wpm incoming then it is 3-5 outgoing. No problem. If it is
40-50 incoming I say GNOM/73 and turn the rig off.

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> (like the alt.Barney.die.die.die) or would you like to get back to the
> issues and avoid personal innuendoes from now on?

Me thinks I have poked too hard at you Cecil and for that I apologize.
My goal this weekend was to wade into this hornets nest to see what
was driving the CW wars. I have found that both sides have strong
convictions about their stands on the issue of code and that there is
probably little room for compromise among the players. Contrary to most
of the anti-code-test faction's published thesis, I find that most of
the arguments in favor of a no code test to be steeped in unsupported
emotional technical dogma and the pro-code-test faction to be steeped in
hopeless tradition. Tis lose-lose combination at this juncture as I
see it. But as the comedian, Dennis Miller says, "Its just my opinion,
and I could be wrong."

In any case, I wish you well, Cecil, and perhaps we to can
continue this dialog without rancor or strutting or innuendo and
perhaps see some area where both sides can save a lite bit of
their cultural turf and have a little cake to eat as well.
Tradition. Besides, All little kids love Barney

keep up the good fight.

73

Bob, KE6F, Former WA6MGG (former Conditional too)

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5d9f$e5c4e280$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Bryan Lawson <lucky13@vvm.com> wrote in article
<5khcku$obf@newshost.vvm.com>...
>
> I have no problem with code being a requirement. I think it offers those
> who do not know code a challenge or goal to work towards in order to gain
> more privileges. It stresses technical competency.

Huh??? Could you please explain how you came to the conclusion
that forcing everyone to learn Morse code "stresses technical
competency"???
(unless you mean stress in the "challenges, strains" sense ... as in
"people waste so much time and energy meeing the code requirements
that they never learn the truly valuable technical stuff necessary to
achieve
technical competency")

> Just because one doesn't know code doesn't make them a "loser". I don't
> know code (yet), but I am still a licensed amateur radio operator. I
enjoy
> the friendly people on the local people, and I occassionally make a dx
> contacts with a friendly ham. I'm just happy that, and I really hate to
> use this expression, "assholes" like K4XA aren't one of the people I have
> spoken with.

I agree with your terminology wholeheartedly ... people like him are
a disgrace to our community, not an asset ...

> Just because you may know code doesn't make you high and mighty. You
have
> just found the time to learn code. Some people like myself have 2 jobs
and
> could barely find the time to study for and take the no-code tech exam.
> The code will come in time, and once I learm it I will find the common
> decency to help others along in a more professional manner, rather than
> condemn them for not knowing code.
>
> Sir, I seriously doubt that your name is Joe Mama. I challenge you to
drop
> the alias and come back to the real world. Use your knowledge to help
> others along and be a bit more professional in you explanation of why
> certaian things are required. Although you know code, you put your pants
> on the same way I and all of the other no-code techs do - one leg at a
> time.
>

> Bryan Lawson
> , KC5ZEZ
>
> Killeen, Texas

Don't hold your breath waiting for "Joe Mama" and the ilk to become
courteous, or even civil ... unfortunately there are far too many
ignoramuses
like him in our ranks ... that's why ham radio has so many problems.

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

373. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5da3$8d32cb60$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc58ed$26ce9ee0$74029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
>

> Hi Larry,
>
> I think you would be N8JPK. And a tech, unless you have up-graded since
> 4-19-94. My guess is you have not. Is the code the reason? Is that why
you
> are so quick to defend the position of those who want to dumb the hobby
> down to the lowest common denominator?

Actually beeping is the "dumbest" part of ham radio ... a pure aural-motor
reflex conditioned much like the salivation of Pavlov's dogs in response to
the sound of a bell ringing ... just like some people have musical talent
and some don't, this conditioning comes easy for some and is virtually
impossible for others ...

Many of us are capable of easily building machines that are easily capable
of outperforming the very best Morse operator in the world with the best of
OOK Morse receiving gear ... hands down, slam-dunk by a very wide margin.

Insisting on code rather than real, meaningful technical knowledge and
abilities is the dumbing down of ham radio, *not* the elimination of
obsolete
requirements that serve as nothing more than a hazing ritual ...

> Much like the liberals want to do to America?

Ridiculous comparison ... see the last paragraph preceeding your statement.
Those who oppose code testing are actually protesting a govenment-mandated
welfare program for Morse and proposing more rigorous written exams on
rules
and theory, coupled with necessary modernizations in the technical rules.

That can hardly be characterized as a "liberal, dumbing-down" ...

> You can always be a CB operator you know. They don't require code.

Typical pro-code, bigoted, "got mine, you can go to hell" response noted.

> Burden of proof is on the prosecution. You show me any good reason to
drop
> it, THEN I'll defend my position.

Actually, as Jefferson (I believe) said, "The government that governs least
governs best." (or something very close, to that effect, if my quote is not

exact) ... that implies that the burden is really on the government to
justify
(and continually rejustify) any restrictive requirements that it imposes
upon
its constituents ... the burden of proof is effectively on the government
in
this case, just as it is in a criminal proceeding ...

> Graham K4XA

Carl - wa6vse
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374. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5da9$73ee8940$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Gerald Schmitt <kc5egg@ix.netcom.com> wrote in article
<5kjku3$7lc@sjx-ixn6.ix.netcom.com>...
> Graham,
>
> At the risk of starting a flame fest I will point out a few of your
> REALLY stupid assumptions. First you should really work on your reading
> comprehension. Cecil has never asked for and change in test for HIS
> benifit. Cecil like many others of us feel it is in the best interests
> of amateur radio to end the code hazing.
>
> Cecil has been a ham for over 40 years he doesn't really need a radio
> hobby that has no code requirement since he has been doing just fine
> right here. I'm not quite sure what you had in mind with the last lines
> of your tirade but if you are infering that Cecil needs some help to
> get into ham radio you better look again at a call book.

And I believe Cecil has stated on numerous occasions that CW is
his favorite mode of operation ... but he still thinks the test should
be eliminated ...

> Some one, I can't quite remember who, coined the phrase, "CBers that
> beep" for folk like you. It sure does fit.

I can't recall if I used it first or if it was Gary ... but I'm pretty sure
it was
one of us ... and you're right, it fits Grahm to a tee ... "lid" is
another
term that comes to mind when I read Grahm's posts, too ...

>
> Jerry

Carl - wa6vse
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375. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5da8$d06fad80$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
<336CF780.15C5@delphi.com>...
> michael silva wrote:
> > I'm sure everybody agrees that Techs have more RF savvy than any other
> > license class, thus proving Cecil correct.
>
> No smiley, so I don't know if this is an attempt at humor or not.
Obviously,
> since the tech test is easier than the extra test, the extras are going
to
> be more RF savvy.

Not necessarily, Cecil ... the test passed is not a limiting factor on
one's
knowledge or skill level ... I know many techs who ARE quite a bit more
RF savy than many extras I know whose main (only) claim to fame is an
ability to beep faster ...

> What I am saying is there would be many, many more extras
> if the Morse code testing requirement was lifted. I personally know about
> 25 degreed engineers with tech/general/advanced licenses who would
upgrade
> to extra in a minute if it weren't for the Morse code testing
requirement.

I've known literally hundreds over the past 25 years that I've been working
in the field as an RF engineer ...

> I've been away from this group for a few months. Coming down from a
30,000
> ft. level it's pretty obvious that the Morse code testing requirement is
> the welfare state gift to technically challenged hams and most of the
> whining is coming from those hams given something for nothing by merely
> demonstrating a skill unrelated to and void of knowledge of electronics.
> To all who don't fall into that catagory, I'm not talking about you.

Unfortunately, you're talking about a significant portion of the general
and
up licensees of today ...

>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Carl - wa6vse
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376. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5db0$db5f1480$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc58c5$5269d380$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Gosh Cecil, last time I checked I had to pass the code test AND the
theory
> exam to get my Extra. So I guess I do know RF electronics!
>
> 73,
> K4XA

Not necessarily ... in your case I'm inclined to doubt it more
than the average ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

377. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5da1$4e92e9a0$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2664
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Mama <up@yours.com> wrote in article
<01bc58c4$da6de240$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Geeee Jerry, thanks for your stunning insight into code requirements. I'm
> just sick of this, can we drop it now? PLEASE?
>
> 73, K4XA
>

What's the matter ... the fact that everyone has "called you out"
for being an ignorant asshole now cause you to be "sick of this"
and want to "drop it" right a way, ("PLEASE") ???

I guess you don't mind being a bully and a jerk if you can do
it with impunity, but when people start telling you off and
"calling a spade a spade" you get real sensitive ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

378. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5l4km6$bra@anomaly.ideamation.com>
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In article <01bc5d95$7cd25280$bf95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>that's why I favor
>retesting at each license renewal ... too damned many hams that passed
>their tests in the 30s-60s took the attitude that there was nothing more to
>learn and stagnated right there ...

A valid idea, but one that will never come to fruition... Too much work
for the VECs... Unless, of course, you could convince W5YI/ARRL that they
would make million$$$ selling new license manuals every 10 years... Yeah,
I bet they'd do it then...

>that's why they're technically ignorant
>and inept today, and that doesn't do a damned thing towards meeting our
>chartered goals and purpose ...

I find just about everyone licensed in the past 10 years to be technically
ignorant. Just three days ago I heard a three-month "wonderboy" asking
someone how to construct an attenuator.

>that's why our bands are being taken away
>for commercial services one by one ...

I've always thought it was because they had more money than us... Silly me.

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

379. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3375E8E0.5F5A@delphi.com>
Source record: 2666
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

CrACKeD wrote:
> You can kick off the list with me on top, then you can visit No-Code
> International on the web and add a few more hundred to the list, to start.

Are you truly advocating treating CW like spark and outlawing it? The question is, should qualified hams be free to use CW or not as they choose? To the best of my knowledge, No-Code International wants to eliminate Morse code *testing*, not make it illegal to use CW. If you want to use the force of the federal government to outlaw CW, you are worse than the most rabid pro-coder. I don't hear anybody advocating outlawing all the other modes except CW.

W6RCA : I won't be on it cuz I'm on 40m CW a couple of times a week.

> A traditionalist, eh?

For all the rational reasons that the pro-code crowd give for maintaining the code-testing requirement, I consider CW operation a useful skill to possess and advocate that every ham learn that skill. As time permits, I am in the process of trying to get my Morse code speed up to 20 wpm. In that respect, I am a member of the pro-code crowd. I am also a member of the anti-code-testing crowd because I oppose *all* welfare-state subsidies. I consider both of the following to be evils that should not exist:

1. Using the threat of force from the federal government to subsidize Morse code testing.

2. Using the threat of force from the federal government to outlaw CW.

The evil is the threat of force from the federal government, not the CW mode. As a died-in-the-wool Objectivist and Libertarian, I cannot assume any other position. Assuming any other position makes one a statist (collectivist) e.g., communist, Nazi, socialist, fascist, etc.

If you blame the CW mode for the present sad state of ham radio, it's like blaming the gun when somebody shoots you. CW testing is the evil, not the CW mode. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

380. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3375EAB9.3319@delphi.com>
Source record: 2667
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Bob Miller wrote:
> Perhaps Dr. Williamson could get on the net
> and speak for himself and perhaps enlighten us all with his observations
> and how the code has prevented him from contributing to the amateur
> radio service.

Hi Bob, If Dr. Williamson had time to get on the net, he might have time to learn Morse code. I will make an appointment with him and ask him if he wants to and has time to communicate over email with you.

> The reject from an asylum is your metaphor and your
> lopsided analysis, not mine.
If it doesn't apply to you, why do you respond to it? Some people believe that Dr. Williamson is a lower-class ham simply because he doesn't know Morse code. Are you one of them? If not, my statement didn't apply to you.

> What say we now, Cecil?

Jim was supposed to send you an email explaining his biological problem with Morse code. Did you get his email yet? What say you?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

381. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <3375F001.59F1@calweb.com>
Source record: 2668
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Ca
> >
> > Cecil has been a ham for over 40 years he doesn't really need a radio

That's odd, The FCC database says that Cecil's prior call
was KG7BK, Hmmmmm. seems I remember Cecil reflecting once upon his
conditional license. Lets see. Hmmmmm. Conditional class licensee
who never sits for a bonafinde FCC code test is grandfathered into
a General Class when the conditional license is dropped. Then he
sits before a VEC for an advanced class test but now has a code
chit for his Conditional cum General ticket. Pretty good. Huh. Now I
suppose the W6RCA came from either a prior ticket held way back when or
perhpas a relative. Tis a vanity call none the less much like my
KE6F except I sat in front of an FCC examiner for mine so I guess it
is only a semi-vanity call. Hmmmmmm, perhaps someone will explain how
the OOTC guy went through the metamorphasis from Conditional to
Advanced. Now I could be wrong on this analysis and I sincerely
apologise if I am, but since Ole Cecil is held up as an icon of THE
Old Timer who has finally seen the light regarding the so-called
absurdity of CW, then perhaps he should be examined closely if he
wants to wear the Red Robe. Would be very happy to Schedule Ole
Cecil on 40 cw sometime so we could toss it around in real time.

tnx es 73 Bob, KE6F
sniped

> And I believe Cecil has stated on numerous occasions that CW is
> his favorite mode of operation ... but he still thinks the test should
> be eliminated ...
>
> > Some one, I can't quite remember who, coined the phrase, "CBers that
> > beep" for folk like you. It sure does fit.
>
>

382. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Roger, W6VZV" <rogerjb@ibm.net>
Message-ID: <3375B89A.710C@ibm.net>
Source record: 2669
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

It just baffles me why so many people think that it is a good idea to make getting a ham license as big of a pain in the ass as possible. Tests, tests, and more tests, and for what? Why not have one theory/reg test that tests whether an applicant can safely and legally operate his station, and leave it at that. This crazy maze of tests that we have lacks any rational basis. I have seen no evidence, none, that taking more tests makes us better hams. To the contrary, the hobby sucks nowadays because there are hardly any new hams. 20M SSB, as I've observed in the past, sounds like a geriatric ward.

I know of no other hobby that seeks to discourage newcomers the way ours does. Kind of an indication of the innate anti-social tendencies of many hams, particularly in the ARRL. They just don't like people.
--
Roger J. Buffington
W6VZV

USC Law, Class of '97

"I want to die peacefully, in my sleep, like my Grandfather.
Not screaming, and in terror, like his passengers..."

Warping with OS/2 Warp 4.0 and Netscape for OS/2

383. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <337663f2.29448272@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2592
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sun, 11 May 1997 15:14:57 -0400, Alan <jobs@rida.net> wrote:
>Keep the code, it has value as a filter if nothing else.

But what response does it have? Is it lowpass or highpass?
From some of the indications I've seen on HF, I'd suggest
it is lowpass since some mighty lowdown people seem to
have passed it. Perhaps it answers the question "are you
dumb enough to do this?"

You do know what the most common last words of a redneck
are don't you?

"Hey ya'll, lookit me do this!"

That's usually said just before said redneck does something
terminally stupid like trying to jump a train with his souped up
riding lawnmower.

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384. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5l5poq$f4m@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2593
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Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com> wrote:
> Ok fine. What would you do to fix it up? Come on now Carl. You
>and your sidekicks are good at taking the cheap shots at anyone who
>tries to have a civilized interchange, so how about dropping the
>horseshoe facade of the almighty expert and tell us folks in the
>wings how you guys want to rebuild (I guess re-engineer is the new
>buzzword in the industry) the amateur radio service. We anxiously
>wait your plan and just shooting the CW messenger is not good
>enough. I want some tangible suggestions on how we can fix
>the testing process that will ensure to a degree that our amateur radio
>hobby/service will indeed serve the public's interest.

Well, how's this for starters:
And theory tests are getting more rigorous:
To those that claim there is ONLY a lessening
(dumbing down per the likes of several poster's
past comments here) of all requirements needed
for the various theory tests AND those that keep
harping on the rote memorization of pool questions,
you will be happy to know that theory test pools
already have changed significantly and will impact
as of 7/1/97.

As was reported in the W5YI Report of 12/15/96,
the NOVICE and TECHNICIAN question pools
have increased by 46%. The prior set of
questions comprised a total pool of 632 questions,
while the new pool of questions is now 924.
The Novice pool has increased 41% from a total
of 342 questions to 483. The Technician pool has
increased 52% from 290 to 441.

Now I don't know anyone that can just spend
a weekend or even longer to exactly
memorize 440 questions, much less the
over 900 just to pass the Novice/Technician
set of theory elements.

What some may not have known (and I include myself
in that) is that there is no upper limit to the quantity
of questions that can be in the pool. There is
only a part 97 minimum (97.523) that requires
"Each question pool must be at least 10 times the
number of questions required for a single

examination."

Given that no upper bound exists for question pools,
I'd like to sugest that each question that deals with
a formula calculation have at least 20 iterations
where each iteration uses a different set of variables.
That should truly eliminate any rote memorization of
the questions involving formula calculations.

>Carl, I would like to think that you and your buddies are sincere in
>your concern for the welfare of the hobby/service. It would be even
>more convincing if somehow the debate could be tempered with enumerated
>suggestions or steps by which a no code system could be worked our, or
>perhaps some schema that would allow the continued use of code testing
>in a form that will satisfy those who would feel cheated if their dues
>had been paid only to have the accomplishment denigrated by saying
>that their struggles were meaningless.

How's this suggestion:

To: QST Correspondence (sent 4/16/96)

Is there a compromise in the CW debate?

First, any compromise must recognize the concerns of both sides and
attempt to bring them together. Step one is acknowledging that there
is a middle ground. In the CW debate, the middle ground most
frequently mentioned seems to be that even if CW is less relevant
today, there should not be any elimination of CW testing, unless there
is an increase in difficulty for the theory elements. What I propose
here may not be a perfect answer, but it does seem to address both
concerns.

Current test requirements for General and Extra require the passage of
a CW test at 13 wpm and 20 wpm respectfully along with a separate
theory test. In both cases the CW test is a stand alone, pass (70%
correct) fail requirement. But what if we offered test takers the
opportunity to take the test elements as they do today OR, as an
option, we let them take the 13 wpm or 20 wpm CW test as an integral
part of the respective General or Extra theory (i.e. written) test?

How would that be accomplished?
During any VE session, if a test taker completed the CW test with a
passing score of 70%, they would be granted an CSCE and then take the
theory test as before. However, if they failed the CW test, they
would be permitted to merge the CW test results from that day's test
with their theory results also taken on that day only. If they still
failed to pass the theory test using a merged score, no CSCE would be
issued for either part of the testing.

The actual scoring would be done as follows:
The General theory test is 25 questions and one must answer 19
questions correctly to pass. The 13 wpm CW test is 10 questions and

one must get 7 answers correct to pass that test element. If we combine the two tests (for a total of 35 questions) and if the test taker scores a total of 26 answers correctly, then he or she passes, regardless of the individual number of incorrect answers on the CW test.

While I haven't shown the numbers, the same scoring process could be applied to the 40 question Extra class test.

Doing this would retain the same overall test methods (only the scoring process would change), no additional record keeping should be required nor would any CSCE be issued for anything that isn't issued today. More importantly, an immediate benefit of this approach is that if someone chooses to not pursue the 13 or 20 wpm level of CW, they MUST get a greater percentage of the Theory element correct in order to obtain an overall passing score. That automatically raises the difficulty level of the theory test for those people that might wish to ignore learning CW at those speeds, which is something many have desired to see happen if any change is made regarding a lowering or elimination of CW requirements.

Worst case scenario for someone taking the General test who didn't attempt to learn any CW beyond 5 WPM: Even if they just filled in answer B for all 10 CW questions, they might luck out and get 3 of the CW questions correct anyway. That being the case, they'd then need to correctly answer 23 of 25 theory questions (92%) to have a total of 26 correct answers to pass the test on a combined score basis.

In summary, I think this suggestion meets the concerns of many hams because:
1. It retains all existing levels of CW testing,
2. It maintains full compliance with International treaties,
3. It makes no changes to the test elements themselves,
4. It improves the theory difficulty for people that ignored CW,
5. It would be an easy to implement process if approved by the FCC and
6. It provides a middle ground solution for an ever increasing area of internal debate among hams.

Note, I have not suggested merging the 5 wpm test at this time because that minimal level of CW testing must be retained for compliance with international treaty. If, in the future, the international requirement goes away, then merging the 5 wpm testing might also be considered.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

385. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
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In <5l2aiv$9ne@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com> kc5egg@ix.netcom.com(Gerald Schmitt) writes:
>
>In <5kv5vb$qbc@sjx-ixn7.ix.netcom.com> docdc@ix.netcom.com(Dale Harper)
>writes:
>>
>>In <33724D46.AFA@ccm.ch.intel.com> Cecil Moore
>><cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> writes:
>>>
>>>Dale Harper wrote:
>>>> The anti code crowd has been telling us otherwise, unless we drop
>>the
>>>> code of course. Dale
>>>
>>>Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and
>>there is
>>>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
>>anti-code-test
>>>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to
>>make.
>>>
>>>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>>
>>Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy
watching
>>the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
>>Dale
>>
>
>Actually Dale you are rather new. The ink is hardly dry on you upgrade
>to general (congrats BTW) and you have not been a presence on the news
>groups all that long. To get an idea of how long Cecil has been around
>find out what OOTC means.

First off you haven't been checking QRZ lately. isn't that something
that irks you of others, I am not a general Class Jerry.

>What Cecil says is true those who oppose continued code testing do not
>call for an end to CW as an operating mode. Only the pro code testing
>crowd seems to make this leap of faith. Let's try it again. We do NOT
>advocate an end to code as a communicaions method only to stand-alone
>code TESTING. Get it?
>

>
> Jerry

I disagree Jerry.
Dale

386. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l5qu4$7hv@dfw-ixnews8.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2595
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5l2bh1$8of@dfw-ixnews11.ix.netcom.com> kc5egg@ix.netcom.com(Gerald Schmitt) writes:
>
>In <33742BA1.B52@delphi.com> "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
>writes:
>>
>>Dale Harper wrote:
>>> List yourself as number one. Call it what it is.
>>
>>You Sir, are a liar and deserve to be horsewhipped!!!!!
>
>Hi Cecil,
>
>Mr. Harper does indeed play fast and loose with the truth. Previously
>he made some rather grandiose claims which turned out to be implicity
>if not explicitly non factual. He is worth neither your time nor your
>logic as the reply will always be at the school yard level. Pursue
>worthy advisaries and leave the krill to the baleens.
>
>
> 73 Jerry
>

And what grandiose claims would that be Jerry, that I am dyslexic and attended the Oldman School of Education for it, that I hold a degree in special education, specifically oriented to dyslexia earned at Bowling Green State University, that I am a Doctor of Chiropractic with a degree earned at Palmer Chiropractic College, that I am licensed to practice in the States of Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia?

Can you offer me any proof that the above is not true Jerry?

By the way, there are still two dyslexics who have passed the 13 wpm code Jerry. You and I.

387. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <33767620.34102657@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2596
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Sun, 11 May 1997 08:50:17 -0700, "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote:

>Bob Miller wrote:
>> Perhaps Dr. Williamson could get on the net
>> and speak for himself and perhaps enlighten us all with his observations
>> and how the code has prevented him from contributing to the amateur
>> radio service.
>
>Hi Bob, If Dr. Williamson had time to get on the net, he might have time
>to learn Morse code.

Even I think that's lame, Cecil. If he doesn't have time to get on the net,
how could he have time to contribute to the ARS? I'd buy that he doesn't
want to *waste* his time arguing with us, but I don't buy the idea he literally
doesn't have the time.

Gary
Gary Coffman KE4ZV | You Make It | Email:
Destructive Testing Systems | We Break It | ke4zv@bellsouth.net
534 Shannon Way | Guaranteed | or
Lawrenceville, GA 30244 | | ke4zv@radio.org

388. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3376F241.D9E@delphi.com>
Source record: 2597
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

T.L.Bryant wrote:
> ...and if they should get their wish, and code testing is abolished, the next
> thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain modes of
> communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up valuable
> frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of communicating!"

And if the aliens land, you will probably have your ham radio taken away.
There are all sorts of scenarios unrelated to reality that you can worry
about. Those more efficient modes are already allowed in the CW portion
of the band because, on HF, there are no dedicated CW frequencies. All of
them say "CW, RTTY, and data" or "CW, phone, and Image".

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

389. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3376F419.E2F@delphi.com>
Source record: 2598
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Cecil, you are incredible.

Thanks Bob, but I'm not really. I'm just an aging old fart ham going
blind and deaf ROTFL in my skivvies trying to drink a beer.

>But when a person is put
>on a marble throne as the Poster Kid for No Code...

Nope, that's not me. Got no throne and I'm far removed from being any
kind of kid.

>As I said if you think you
>deserve the honor of wearing the Red Robe then do so.

Nope, you must have me confused with someone else. I don't even
have any red skivvies. Just beer all over me from ROTFL.

>And if the above is not a slam at every ham that has a call with Two
>Alpha characters in front, then what is it.

It's <tic>, Bob. Get with the program. How come everybody can poke
fun at no-code techs and I can't poke fun at two alpha letter calls?
There's more than one way to play the "Real Ham" game.

>Me thinks I have poked too hard at you Cecil and for that I apologize.

Dang Bob, I thought you were joking - you mean you were serious? In that
case, meet me at the San Tan Mountain at high noon.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

390. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l7403$foe@dfw-ixnews4.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2599
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <33754E7F.58E3@en.com> Terry Morris <kb8amz@en.com> writes:
>
>Gordon Eade wrote:
>>
>> Mastering Morse code is a very difficult task. It takes many long
hours of
>> practice to gain the necessary degree of proficiency to pass the 20
wpm
>> test in all it takes approximately 80 hours of practice over about 8
>> months.
>Thats ridiculous, but maybe not for you. If a person spends 2 fifteen
>minute sessions per day for 3 - 4 weeks that person should be
proficient
>enough to copy 20 wpm. There is a stipulation though. The person must
>WANT TO LEARN the code.

This is an absolute load of crap. Like any other reflex skill the
ability to copy Morse code varies widely from one individual to
another. I am very used to accomplishing whatever I set out to do ad
while I have passed my code hurdle is was by no means the cake walk you
represent. In fact I had a far harder time than the original poster
did. Please don't try and pass off that WANT TO LEARN crap on me.

My commute varies between 15 and 90 minutes. I had code tapes on every
day for 2 years. It took over a year for me to hear the difference
between letters reliably. Some peoples brains are better suited to
thinking that being a modem, I seem to have one that is not well suited
to modem work. OTOH when I did pass the code roadblock I found the
written tests rather trivial, not because I memorized the question pool
but because I understand the physics of the EM spectrum.

>
>> It takes another 5 years of practice to begin to approach the
proficiency
>> required to communicate with all but the very best operators on the
air.
>
> I telling you from experience. If you pass the code at 20 wpm and
then
>operate a 5 wpm, as long as your code is not QLF, you will be
operating
>proficiently with anyone that QSO's with you at 5 wpm. However, if you
>passed the 20 wpm code I can't comprehend why you would want to
operate

>at a slower speed, unless you JUST WANTED to operate slower or work
>someone that sends at a slower speed. Geez, is it really that
>difficult???
>
>> Some day I hope to master the code, but I fear it is another 5 years
away.
> You're a quitter; a loafer; a whiner; a procrastenator. If you
>continue to make excuses you'll never feel at ease at 20 wpm.

You're an arrogant egocentric horse's ass. You are a poster child for the "drive people away from ham radio" crowd. Why indeed would he want to feel at ease at 20 WPM if people like you are what he can expect to find on CW. My recomendation to the original poster is to find a way to pass the stupid haszing and then turn your back on code forever. If this fellow with all the harsh words for you is representitive of CW ops forget them. If he has really offended you then work it out by working against institutional support for an obsolete mode.

>
>Practice...Practice...Practice, you'll get there, someday, SOON if you
>REALLY want to pass the test. GOOD LUCK!
>
>73, KB8AMZ

391. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5l706i$2uc@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2600
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <3375B89A.710C@ibm.net>, Roger, W6VZV <rogerjb@ibm.net> wrote:

>It just baffles me why so many people think that it is a good idea to
>make getting a ham license as big of a pain in the ass as possible.
>Tests, tests, and more tests, and for what? Why not have one theory/reg
>test that tests whether an applicant can safely and legally operate his
>station, and leave it at that.

Heck.... Why even bother with that? Why not just put a 3x5"
Business Reply Mail (Newington, CT) Index Card in the box of every
transceiver sold? The card can say:

AFFIDAVIT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of FCC CFR Part 97, have
read and understood the terms within, and agree to abide by the
rules and regulations as set forth therein when operating this radio.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

We can even let people make up their own callsigns too. KE8QZY is
too confusing. THings like "Big Mama", "Yo Daddy", and "Crazy Eddie"
are much easier to remember...

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

392. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5ed6$26acc380$7d95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2601
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote in article
<5l706i$2uc@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
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> We can even let people make up their own callsigns too. KE8QZY is
> too confusing. THings like "Big Mama", "Yo Daddy", and "Crazy Eddie"
> are much easier to remember...

Whoa, Mikey ... be careful ... your roots are showing ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

393. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5ed6$a3c46260$7d95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2602
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

T.L.Bryant <tbryant@cannet.com> wrote in article
<5l50uo$3nc@dolphin.cannet.com>...
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> ...and if they should get their wish, and code testing is abolished, the
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> thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain modes
of
> communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up
valuable
> frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of
communicating!"
>
> Tom - N8ECW

And what part of the bands would that be that you're referring to????

Do you mean the small segments on 6m and 2m that are the ONLY
"CW only" segments in all of our bands???

Or are you under the mistaken assumption that the areas where phone
is prohibited are "CW only" ??? Guess again ... modern digital modes
are already on equal footing with CW there ... you beepers may resent
it, but it's reality ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

394. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5ed8$2e9e3b80$7d95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2603
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Alan <jobs@rida.net> wrote in article <33761AB1.410C@rida.net>...
> Let's not continue the lowering of standards in this country. May CW is
> not loved by all, but it is not so hard to learn, really. If the hobby
> has value to you, learn the code. If we scratch the code, next will be
> theory and then will be.....

Ridiculous ... the FCC will NEVER eliminate theory for what's *supposed*
to be a technically-oriented, experimental service ... they didn't
establish
ham radio for the sort of competive games, electronic paintball
competition,
collect "10-10 numbers" sort of crap that some of you twits have perverted
it into ... with the encouragment and support of the twits at the ARRL ...

> Keep the code, it has value as a filter if nothing else.

For filtering out what? Competent people, perhaps ... certainly not lids
twits, and cretins ... just listen to the coded hams on 80m and 20m ...
the vast majority of brand-new no-code techs behave MUCH better ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

395. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: docdc@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l7631$27f@dfw-ixnews11.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2604
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5l50uo$3nc@dolphin.cannet.com> tbryant@cannet.com (T.L.Bryant)
writes:
>
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>:there is
>:>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
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>:>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to
>:make.
>:>
>:>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>:
>:Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy
watching
>:the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
>:Dale
>
>...and if they should get their wish, and code testing is abolished,
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>thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain
modes of
>communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up
valuable
>frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of
communicating!"
>
>Tom - N8ECW

I agree Tom, I agree.

396. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim Cummings <jcumming@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Message-ID: <33775264.2F4E@clark.dgim.doc.ca>
Source record: 2605
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain modes of
> communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up valuable
> frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of communicating!"
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> Tom - N8ECW

As far as I know, the US is the only administration that sub-allocates the amateur bands, whereby certain emissions are prohibited in certain portions of the bands. Considering that the rest of the world is able to cope without sub-band allocations, and there is indeed no call for the eradication of the use of Morse code, then Bryant's conclusion has no basis in fact and is mere conjecture without foundation.

The pro-code testing advocates can't have it both ways; on the one hand, they claim that its popularity legitimizes a government sponsored welfare program that will spit out ineptly trained Morse code decoders, the need for which is merely speculative, rather than having any legitimate spectrum management goals. While on the other hand, cringe at the thought that if the Morse code testing program was to be eliminated, then those who use that mode will be subject to a possible prohibition of their mode of choice. The pro-code crowd seemingly resent (or perhaps more rightly, are in abject terror of) the concept that the use of Morse code should be able to survive on its own merits, rather than having to depend upon a government program.

73 and live better digitally
Jim, VE3XJ

397. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Todd Little <little@ameritech.net>
Message-ID: <33774A6C.4F9@ameritech.net>
Source record: 2606
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

CrACKeD wrote:
>
> Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote:
> : Dale Harper wrote:
> : > Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy watching
> : > the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda. Dale
>
> : OK Dale, the onus is on you. How about a list of the anti-code crowd?
>
> You can kick off the list with me on top, then you can visit No-Code
> International on the web and add a few more hundred to the list, to start.

From the http://www.nocode.org/ opening page:

"No-Code International is a new temporary organization
dedicated to the abolition of the Morse code requirement
for all classes of Amateur Radio license. We intend to
disband the organization as soon as the Morse Code
requirement has been eliminated in all English-speaking
countries."

In a quick scan of their web site, I find no references to
eliminating, banning, or restricting the use of Morse Code by
radio amateurs. The debate is about mandatory Morse Code *TESTING*.
This keeps getting twisted into something else by certain members
of the "Pro-Code Testing Party"(tm), presumably as an attempt
to drum up support of those that otherwise wouldn't support their
position.

If CrACKeD is truly in favor of eliminating Morse Code and not
just the mandatory testing related to it, I believe he stands
nearly alone in that stance. Certainly No-Code International
does not advocate that position.

73,
Todd
N9MWB

PS Followup to rec.radio.amateur.policy.

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Unsolicited business offers sent to my e-mail address will be considered
a request for me to proofread the offer and in turn reimburse me $500
for my time and effort for each offer received. Receipt of said e-mail
constitutes acceptance of this offer. Let dick@durbin.senate.gov

and senator@moseley-braun.senate.gov know what you think of e-mail SPAM.

398. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <33776D3F.5B4E@lni.net>
Source record: 2607
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Gerald Schmitt wrote:

>Actually Alan for some people it is not all that easy. Apparently is
>was reasonably easy for you but it can be very difficult to impossible
>for others. Saying "it is not so hard" strikes a nerve in folks who
>expended massive effort to master code, even worse for those who simply
>could never do it.

So what about the people that have a hard time with theory? I know people who had an easy time with the code but a bear of a time with the theory. Why shouldn't they be crying "get rid of the theory and make the code tests harder"! You say CW is obsolete? Well, in ten years that hard theory test information will be, too. The stuff the electronics schools were teaching ten years ago about the 8088 processor is ancient history now.

This whole discussion is getting more ridiculous by the second. Who can sound smarter than whom....Who can use the biggest words...The anti-code people won't listen to anything the CW people are saying.

But then, what do I know? I'm just a stupid Extra. At least that is what it sounded like someone was making reference to. Whew!!!!!!!

Greg WG8N

399. WTB: old 2-mtr or 440 ht

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Steve Murphy <steve@pactitle.com>
Message-ID: <3377F7C0.204B@pactitle.com>
Source record: 2608
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.cb,sci.electronics.degign

Looking to purchase an old HT. Needs to be in the 2 meter or
440 band, single frequency (crystal) would be fine. Need only
transmit section at 100mW for DTMF remote control application.
I don't need the battery pack or antenna. Phoenix/ L.A. area.
Thanks,

Steve KD6NQA
Please reply to steve@pactitle.com

400. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3377ACDE.7AA6@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2609
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Greg Emerson wrote:
> Why shouldn't they be crying "get rid of the theory and make the code
> tests harder"!

Hi Greg, simple answer - the theory test is relevant - the code test is not.
This is not a Morse Code Service - this is an Amateur Radio Service.

> You say CW is obsolete? Well, in ten years that hard theory test information
> will be, too.

Of course, the theory test will need to be dynamically updated as time passes
just as it has been in the past. The Morse code test is what has stagnated.

> This whole discussion is getting more ridiculous by the second.

Maybe a quote from the President and Board of Directors of the Radio
Amateurs of Canada, Inc. would help: "To suggest that the code be
viewed as a 'filter mechanism' to exclude those unable or unwilling
to learn the code, is discriminatory".

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

401. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5fa5$4ac37fa0$6895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2523
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote in article <33776D3F.5B4E@lni.net>...
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> theory. Why shouldn't they be crying "get rid of the theory and make the
> code tests harder"! You say CW is obsolete? Well, in ten years that hard
> theory test information will be, too. The stuff the electronics schools
> were teaching ten years ago about the 8088 processor is ancient history
> now.

That problem exists within ham radio ... I would venture to say that a vast majority of long-term licensees (and I am in this group, having been licensed
since 1975) are woefully incompetent by today's standards because they have not kept up with the changes in technology (I do NOT fall in this sub-group).

This is why I favor retesting for a reasonable level of technical currency and
competency at each renewal ... giving existing licensees 5 years or until their
next renewal to prepare in the interest of fairness ... anyone who cannot become
technically competent in 5-10 years simply is not qualified, period. This is
consistent with the govenment's objectives in licensing.

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> sound smarter than whom....Who can use the biggest words...The anti-code
> people won't listen to anything the CW people are saying.

We listen to the Morse Myths, promulgated by the technically ignorant and refute them with sound, factual engineering facts ...

We reject the emotional arguments like "it's *tradition*" or "you have to *work* for it"
ad nauseum ... because they have no place in a government-mandated licensing

arena ...

Those two areas seem to completely cover "the pro-code side" ... what else
is
there to listen to???

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

402. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3378780D.6C7E@delphi.com>
Source record: 2524
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
> Well spoken, Bob. They can't take it when someone disagrees with them.

Well Graham, It is extremely mean, painful, and traumatic for someone to imply that my conditional class license was not the license of a real ham. <tic>

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

403. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3378955D.16D3@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2525
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Terry Morris wrote:
> Done that in '64 while a junior in high school. Next metaphor.

ROTFL, I knew it would happen sooner or later. Next metaphor: If you really
want to get into Mensa, you can? By definition, Mensa membership is limited
to 2% of the population. Opps, sorry, forgot you became a member of Mensa
on your second birthday. :-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

404. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5fac$e304fda0$6895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2526
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

T.L.Bryant <tbryant@cannet.com> wrote in article
<5l9qo0$afv@dolphin.cannet.com>...
>
> >Actually Tom under current rules the CW band plan spectrum can already
> >be used for more efficient modes of communications. RTTY the tors and
> >Clover are all narrow band so they can be used on the "CW" portions of
> >the bands. But since they are so efficient they don't have to "hog the
> >bands".
> >
> > Jerry
>
> There's a big difference between a band plan and where a mode is
predominately
> used. Listen to 7.000 to 7.050 and tell me how much RTTY and AMTOR you
hear
> compared to 7.075 to 7.100 Mhz.
>
> Tom - N8ECW

That's simply the result of voluntary agreements (largely promulgated by
the
ARRL) designed to provide a "sanctuary" for the beepers.

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

405. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3378979D.390F@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2527
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> (or "king of the hill," or whatever game it happens to be), ...

Hi Carl, make that "king of the molehill". :-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

406. How Mike got his ham license ...

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5fc3$52dce140$6895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2528
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote >
> AFFIDAVIT
> >
> > I acknowledge that I have received a copy of FCC CFR Part 97, have
> > read and understood the terms within, and agree to abide by the
> > rules and regulations as set forth therein when operating this radio.
> >
> > Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____
> >
> >
> > We can even let people make up their own callsigns too. KE8QZY is
> > too confusing. THings like "Big Mama", "Yo Daddy", and "Crazy Eddie"
> > are much easier to remember...
> >
> > MD

So *that's* how you became a ham, Mike? Some clerk who cross-trained
from processing the old CB license apps at the FCC office in Gettysburg
screwed up from force of habit and issued a license to you on the basis
of a CB-like affidavit you made up and mailed in?

You get credit for an original idea (probably your only one) ... but I'd
still
love to see you retested to a decent theory test ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

407. CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: sco@sco-inc.com
Message-ID: <3378b6d6.743838@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2529
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

I see code exams as necessary ... if you want to run cw in the HF cw sub-bands only. The only treaty obligation we have is for 5 wpm code. They (13/20 wpm code tests) have no future reason to exist for testing to see if a ham should be able to operate voice or data (computer) in the HF voice and data bands.

If the present high speed code hams [Generals and above] want to keep the current code testing requirements, then lets make them put up or shut up. Change the rules to require RE-TESTING on CW (13/20 wpm only) every 5 years in order to keep your license.

Let's see what happens. If they truely believe in CW they will endorse this idea. But if they only want to keep other hams out of HF country then they will fight this change to improve the CW use on HF. Because they won't want to have to re-learn the code themselves in order to keep their licenses.

If you agree and would like to help me change this present situation, email me: KE4IKT@sco-inc.com

408. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <demoman@rollanet.nospam.org>
Message-ID: <33792BB8.6953@rollanet.nospam.org>
Source record: 2530
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

This thread sucks major wind.

anti-code-testing group calls pro-code-testing "rabid" consistently,
pro-code-testing calls anti-code-testing names and so on.

I am extrememly new to ham radio and i think this sucks!

a.c.t. says the code test is irrelevant and more theory should
be emplaced. why? what difference does it make? i've got a handful
of degrees so does a lot of people. the only theory that really
pertains
to ham radio today is: don't cuss, give your call sign at the designated
intervals, EVEN though i do homebrew and build tube types and make my
own
antennae on occasion. I'm even building an ATV addition to my 6m, 70cm
multicast repeater which is 50 percent or so homebrew.
which brings me to the next cut.

p.c.t. says keep the code test to keep people out. a harsh way of
saying
incentive licensing i guess. the a.c.t. people say "hey, if you wanna
use
code, fine just don't MAKE us." why doesn't it work the other way. if
you wanna re-invent rf principles by being a demon at theory then fine,
don't MAKE me. people DO buy off the shelf radios and use the spoken
word
when communicating. how much freakin theory does that take? relevant
topics as i stated before are to not cuss and give you call sign when
appropriate. that's all freakin frequencies.

dang, both sides suck.

i became president of our little ham club in Salem, MO. my club
runs a parallel with this news group. back biting, arrogant and
no concern for their appearance to prospective hams.

i'm in favor of code testing so i guess i'm "rabid" too. but i am
NOT AGAINST reducing speeds OR other mode testing. some have
offered up packet and fax etc. that's along my area of expertise as
my degrees are rooted in the computer arena.

more to the point:

what's wrong with promoting ham radio's worth rather than
detract from it.

--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF

mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

409. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5l9lcm$68d@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2531
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc5e39$89d648c0$5c9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

> ... ham radio is *supposed* (read part 97) to be a primarily
>technical pursuit ...

Errr, guess you haven't been reading your Part 97. Only 40% of 97.1,
the section which defines what amateur radio "is", deals with matters of
a technical nature.

Thus, amateur radio is >not<, by FCC definition, a technical pursuit,
no matter what you, up there on Mt. Olympus, state.

>They (rightly
>and understandably) refuse to bow to a community which predominantly
>consists of their technical inferiors and waste significant amounts of their
>valuable time and eneergy

Translated: They are superior to the rest of us, and how >DARE< we question
their superiority. They are the GODS of Mt. Olympus. We're just supposed to
genuflect in their general direction and let them do whatever they want,
including giving special dipensation with regards to the rules.

>In short, if Morse had been made optional about three decades ago, like it
>should have been, we'd have a far larger number of technically competent
>hams

Blah blah blah, yada yada yada... same of bull-$#!+ ... More personal
opinion passed off as "facts"... Wonder what professional study concluded
this... Maybe Carl will post the reference... (More than likely not, though,
since we know Carl blows facts out of his rear-end...)

>We do agree that the technical testing methodolgy is flawed and permits
>huge numbers of technically incompetent people to gain licenses ... that's
>directly because the entire emphasis of the ARRL's "Incentive Licensing"
>scheme was to assert the ability to copy faster and faster Morse as the
>primary metric of "goodness and merit" in a ham.

Blah blah blah, yada yada yada. Morse Code the root of all evil. Morse
code is responsible for earthquakes. Today's lousy weather is all the
fault of Morse Code. Morse Code is responsible for crappy theory
examinations. Morse code caused the black plague, great Irish potato
famine, and a host of other world-wide disasters....

> ... the ARRL and it's retrogressive, stagnating
>policies are orchestrating the ham radio equivalent of Jonestown or

>the recent mass suicides near San Diego ...

blah blah blah, yada yada yada... The only person in outer space here is... well... Mt. Olympus is above the clouds, after all. Hmmm... Maybe the air is a little thin up there... It would explain a lot...

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

410. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5lakr0$j76@sjx-ixn8.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2532
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5l9oa2$s8s@dfw-ixnews6.ix.netcom.com> docdc@ix.netcom.com(Dale Harper) writes:
>
>>If you had said this in your reply to Ian's question I would have no
>>issue with it. Your assertions were a bit stronger. More like, "I am
>>dyslexic and I passed the code and now I'm a doctor." At that time you
>>had passed 5 WPM and you were and still are a chiropractor. It's all
>in
>>Dejanews you can find the exact wording if you want.
>
>Well, Jerry, that's not what was said, that may be what you read out of
>it.

http://www.dejanews.com it's all there
>

>
>Not bragging Jerry, You told me dyslexics couldn't learn the code. Just
>reminding you that it's not true. Still two of us. You and I.

I never said dyslexics could not learn the code but rather the effort they had to put in to do it was excessive. Again I ask you not to cite me as an example. With recent demonstrations of your need to "win" debates at any cost icluding truth and honor I doubt you will comply with my request but I still ask.

As to your assertions on education they are too far off subject to comment further but they were entertaining. I'll let you and the AMA work that issue.

Now I will take my own advice and not bother with you any further, I cannot debate the factually challenged.

Jerry

411. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: hossie <hossie@getonthe.net>
Message-ID: <33792C74.2D69@getonthe.net>
Source record: 2533
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bob Miller wrote:
>
> Cecil, you are incredible. Through innuendo you have inferred that
> I am a Nazi, a Communist, a Fascist, and God only know what else based

Bzzzzzt! Wrong. Cecil may have *implied* such things, and you or others may have *inferred* them from what he wrote, bur the reverse is incorrect.

Since we have "implied" CW-purity Nazis spewing all over the newsgroup, do you mind if I get on my launguage high horse and demand that hams learn proper English (or thrir native language), whether SSB, FM, CW, or Usenet?

After all, there are many sides to the "purity" of ham radio... Misusing the language in an attempt to appear erudite is counter-productive...

hossie, KC0ES, who wishes more people would "stick it in their innuendoes" and enjoy whatever aspects of life appeal to them without trying to force others into the same mold

412. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <3377c957.8634553@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2610
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Mon, 12 May 1997 19:19:27 +0000, Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote:
>Gerald Schmitt wrote:
>
>>Actually Alan for some people it is not all that easy. Apparently is
>>was reasonably easy for you but it can be very difficult to impossible
>>for others. Saying "it is not so hard" strikes a nerve in folks who
>>expended massive effort to master code, even worse for those who simply
>>could never do it.
>
>So what about the people that have a hard time with theory? I know
>people who had an easy time with the code but a bear of a time with the
>theory. Why shouldn't they be crying "get rid of the theory and make the
>code tests harder"! You say CW is obsolete? Well, in ten years that hard
>theory test information will be, too. The stuff the electronics schools
>were teaching ten years ago about the 8088 processor is ancient history
>now.

The stuff electronics schools teach about application hardware is always obsolete, usually before the ink dries on your diploma. That's why the amateur theory exams don't ask about specific hardware implementations. They ask about fundamental theory. *That never changes*. Maxwell's equations are just as true today as they ever were. Ohm's Law is still as valid today as it was when I was licensed. Inductors still have inductance and capacitors still have capacitance, just like they always did. Kirchhoff's laws still hold, and are just as useful today as they ever were. Etc. Theory lasts forever (unless some shocking discovery overturns it, which is *extremely* unlikely here given the myriad proofs of fundamental electrical theory we have down through the years). If you don't understand that, then you don't understand the fundamentals you need to know to be an amateur, Extra Class license or no Extra Class license.

Gary
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413. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l8p31$2mt@sjx-ixn10.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2611
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In <5l50uo$3nc@dolphin.cannet.com> tbryant@cannet.com (T.L.Bryant)
writes:
>
>:>Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and
>:there is
>:>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
>:anti-code-test
>:>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake to
>:make.
>:>
>:>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>:
>:Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy
watching
>:the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
>:Dale
>
>...and if they should get their wish, and code testing is abolished,
the next
>thing you hear them say will be, "Why are we restricted to certain
modes of
>communication on certain frequencies? These 'beepers' are hogging up
valuable
>frequencies that could be used for more efficient modes of
communicating!"
>
>Tom - N8ECW
>
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>
Actually Tom under current rules the CW band plan spectrum can already
be used for more efficient modes of communications. RTTY the tors and
Clover are all narrow band so they can be used on the "CW" portions of
the bands. But since they are so efficient they don't have to "hog the
bands".

Jerry

414. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: kc5egg@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5l8o1e$r6v@dfw-ixnews9.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2612
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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In <5l5q9c$e8v@dfw-ixnews6.ix.netcom.com> docdc@ix.netcom.com(Dale
Harper) writes:
>
>In <5l2aiv$9ne@dfw-ixnews12.ix.netcom.com> kc5egg@ix.netcom.com(Gerald
>Schmitt ) writes:
>>
>>In <5kv5vb$qbc@sjx-ixn7.ix.netcom.com> docdc@ix.netcom.com(Dale
>Harper)
>>writes:
>>>
>>>In <33724D46.AFA@ccm.ch.intel.com> Cecil Moore
>>><cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> writes:
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>>>>Dale Harper wrote:
>>>>> The anti code crowd has been telling us otherwise, unless we drop
>>>the
>>>>> code of course. Dale
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>>>>Hi Dale, you must be a newcomer. There is no "anti-code crowd" and
>>>there is
>>>>no push to "drop the code". You must have mistaken such for the
>>>anti-code-test
>>>>crowd and the push to drop the code-testing. It's an easy mistake
to
>>>make.
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>>>>73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>>>
>>>Nope, not new at all and certainly not mistaken. I just enjoy
>watching
>>>the anti-code crowd twist the argument to fit the agenda.
>>>Dale
>>>
>>
>>Actually Dale you are rather new. The ink is hardly dry on you
upgrade
>>to general (congrats BTW) and you have not been a presence on the
news
>>groups all that long. To get an idea of how long Cecil has been
around
>>find out what OOTC means.
>
>First off you haven't been checking QRZ lately. isn't that something
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>that irks you of others, I am not a general Class Jerry.

You were a few weeks ago when you asked me to check thus my statment is true. I have things to do other than keep track of your license class.

>
>>What Cecil says is true those who oppose continued code testing do not
>>call for an end to CW as an operating mode. Only the pro code testing
>>crowd seems to make this leap of faith. Let's try it again. We do NOT
>>advocate an end to code as a communicaions method only to stand-alone
>>code TESTING. Get it?
>>
>>
>> Jerry
>
>I disagree Jerry.
>Dale

What do you disagree with? Do you think we should end CW as a communications method? That seems to be what you are saying. Sorry old man I must disagree we should keep the code as a legal way to communicate just end the testing.

Jerry

415. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby" SO SHOULD THE THREAD

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: The Incredible!! <joe@blow.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5f60$6290fee0$c54de0c7@holmes>
Source record: 2613
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Enough.....
T/I !

416. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5f4b$ce150040$5e029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2614
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote >
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>
> I acknowledge that I have received a copy of FCC CFR Part 97, have
> read and understood the terms within, and agree to abide by the
> rules and regulations as set forth therein when operating this radio.
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> Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____
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> We can even let people make up their own callsigns too. KE8QZY is
> too confusing. THings like "Big Mama", "Yo Daddy", and "Crazy Eddie"
> are much easier to remember...
>
> MD

Now THATS funny! Thanks Michael.

K4XA

417. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5f4b$6488bcc0$5e029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2615
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

----------SNIP----------
> Read his "Oregon Trail" sometime for a glimpse at real genius and
> fortitude even if his version of history may tend to push the
> envelope of truth from time to time.
>
> Bob, KE6F
>

Give'em hell Bob!

K4XA

418. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5f4a$44b40b80$5e029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2616
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com> wrote in article
<3376956A.3B7A@calweb.com>...

> Cecil, you are incredible. Through innuendo you have inferred that
> I am a Nazi, a Communist, a Fascist, and God only know what else based
> solely on my commentaries regarding the loss of civility on ham radio as
> it pertains to the code v no code argument.

----------SNIP most of a good post----------

Well spoken, Bob. They can't take it when someone disagrees with them.

73,
Graham

419. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Terry Morris <kb8amz@en.com>
Message-ID: <33781EBE.26B2@en.com>
Source record: 2617
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore wrote:
>
> Terry Morris wrote:
> > There is a stipulation though. The person must WANT TO LEARN the code.
>
> So you are telling us that the guy who tried for 20 years to get to
> 13wpm didn't want to learn the code? Say Terry, do you really want
> to learn how to dunk a basketball? If you only want to learn how,
> then you can.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
Done that in '64 while a junior in high school. Next metaphor.

73, Terry

420. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Terry Morris <kb8amz@en.com>
Message-ID: <337820EF.4FEE@en.com>
Source record: 2618
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore wrote:
>
> Bob Miller wrote:

> > The reject from an asylum is your metaphor and your
> > lopsided analysis, not mine.
> If it doesn't apply to you, why do you respond to it? Some people believe
> that Dr. Williamson is a lower-class ham simply because he doesn't know
> Morse code. Are you one of them? If not, my statement didn't apply to you.

There are neither lower-class, middle-class, nor upper-class
distinctions of amateur radio ops. I do not concur with this discourse.

73, KB8AMZ

421. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc5f4a$feb00b60$5e029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2619
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Gerald Schmitt wrote:
>
> >Actually Alan for some people it is not all that easy. Apparently is
> >was reasonably easy for you but it can be very difficult to impossible
> >for others. Saying "it is not so hard" strikes a nerve in folks who
> >expended massive effort to master code, even worse for those who simply
> >could never do it.

Which is EXACTLY what you egg heads do to the people who found the code was easy and the theory was hard. So, if we use your faulty logic we should drop the theory and make the code test harder. See, won't float will it?

K4XA

422. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5l9d1q$91@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2620
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Graham" <not@public.com> wrote:
>Which is EXACTLY what you egg heads do to the people who found the code was
>easy and the theory was hard. So, if we use your faulty logic we should
>drop the theory and make the code test harder. See, won't float will it?

It makes no difference if code is easy or hard. The issue is
and continues to be that it (code testing) no longer
deserves to be a separate pass/fail test element to gain
HF access. There's NO compelling reason today to force
anyone to learn CW for HF access, much less advanced
speeds up to 20wpm for additional privaledges having nothing
to do with any need to operate CW at all.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

423. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc5f9d$de8b3320$6895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2621
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Terry Morris <kb8amz@en.com> wrote in article <337820EF.4FEE@en.com>...
> Cecil A. Moore wrote:
> >
> > Bob Miller wrote:
>
> > > The reject from an asylum is your metaphor and your
> > > lopsided analysis, not mine.
> > If it doesn't apply to you, why do you respond to it? Some people
believe
> > that Dr. Williamson is a lower-class ham simply because he doesn't know
> > Morse code. Are you one of them? If not, my statement didn't apply to
you.
>
> There are neither lower-class, middle-class, nor upper-class
> distinctions of amateur radio ops. I do not concur with this discourse.
>
> 73, KB8AMZ

Terry,

I am glad that you, personally, don't feel this way, but ... unfortunately
..
many coded hams do ... to many of them, the main achievment of their
entire lives seems to be that they passed the 13 or 20 wpm Morse test
so they could go back to sleep and remain technically ignorant, awaking
only for the occasional "move" in some radio-based version of paintball
wars (or "king of the hill," or whatever game it happens to be), collect
another "10-10 number" or gather another piece of wallpaper
... something that they've convinced themselves is "the true meaning
of ham radio" ... it's pathetic and it's killing ham radio ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

424. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5l9qo0$afv@dolphin.cannet.com>
Source record: 2622
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Actually Tom under current rules the CW band plan spectrum can already
>be used for more efficient modes of communications. RTTY the tors and
>Clover are all narrow band so they can be used on the "CW" portions of
>the bands. But since they are so efficient they don't have to "hog the
>bands".
>
> Jerry

There's a big difference between a band plan and where a mode is predominately used. Listen to 7.000 to 7.050 and tell me how much RTTY and AMTOR you hear compared to 7.075 to 7.100 Mhz.

Tom - N8ECW

425. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc600b$28769ca0$6695f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2534
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc5f4a$feb00b60$5e029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > Gerald Schmitt wrote:
> >
> > >Actually Alan for some people it is not all that easy. Apparently is
> > >was reasonably easy for you but it can be very difficult to impossible
> > >for others. Saying "it is not so hard" strikes a nerve in folks who
> > >expended massive effort to master code, even worse for those who
simply
> > >could never do it.
>
> Which is EXACTLY what you egg heads do to the people who found the code
was
> easy and the theory was hard. So, if we use your faulty logic we should
> drop the theory and make the code test harder. See, won't float will it?

No, Grahm ... we realize that the theory is also harder for some that for
others
... and we're *not* suggesting a level of difficulty equivalent to an EE
degree
or the like, as MD and others often assert in their efforts to
unrealistically
frighten people about the results of reemphasizing the technical side of
ham
radio instead of clinging to 1847 beeper "technology" (Morse is so outdated
I just can't bring myself to call it "technology" without using the quotes)

But ... we also recognize the reality that the theory is a NECESSARY and
JUSTIFIABLE licensing requirement, while changes in technology and other
factors make it impossible to rationally justify continuing to force all
hams
to learn Morse code to obtain totally unrelated HF priveleges ...

Like it or not, the logic and rational justifications of theory vs. code
are sort
of like a diode ... they only work in one direction ...

Actually, we're not really talking about making the tests significantly
"harder"
in terms of the technical level ... just fixing the test methods so that
people
will have to really understand the necessary material instead of being able
to
"luck out" and guess their way through the test without really knowing

anything.
(that happens too much today ... MD is a perfect example ... he regularly brags
about how he memorized the answers without giving a hoot about what they meant or how things work ...) We don't want technically incompetent hams. They are far more likely to cause harmful interference, could possibly hurt themselves or others, and just generally give all hams a bad name and image ..

I hope I've clarified these points in a way that makes my position easier for
you to understand and agree with ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

426. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6012$50c99fc0$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2535
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

James W. KELLEY <jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu> wrote in article
<5kl6co$991@news.service.uci.edu>...
>
> If K4XA is an original call, and if one considers the level of intellect
> brought to the newsgroup by this individual thus far, it is sadly
> apparent the "denominator" has been very low for quite a long time.
>
Yea, whats your call?

Graham
K4XA

427. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6012$9edea340$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2536
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
<336EC4C6.4724@delphi.com>...
>> Reminds me of a REQUIREMENT back in Texas when I was growing
> up. All the unwashed masses of no-coders born without a built-
> in beeper step to the vhf end of the bus. Nope, not allowed up
> front in the HF section with us lily-white beeping hams.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>

So now the code is a form of racial discrimination? Boy that's a stretch
even for you Cecil.

K4XA
Graham

428. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6013$bae75860$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2537
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> the need for modernization)" .... DREAM on ... the olde fartz are dying
off
> and the majority of licensees will soon be no-coders ... LEARN TO LIVE
> WITH IT ...
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net

Old Farts? That's a broad assumption. I'm only 34. How old are you?

K4XA
Graham

429. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6014$304d0e60$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2538
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Don't hold your breath waiting for "Joe Mama" and the ilk to become
> courteous, or even civil ... unfortunately there are far too many
> ignoramuses
> like him in our ranks ... that's why ham radio has so many problems.
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net

Yea, and I've seen so many "courteous and civil" posts from your bunch. I just don't think we need to drop the code test, thats all.

K4XA
Graham

430. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6014$a86a9160$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2539
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Typical pro-code, bigoted, "got mine, you can go to hell" response noted.

No Carl, its not. It just points out that a choice exist.

K4XA
Graham

431. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: WA2RSX@worldnet.att.net
Message-ID: <3379123e.19068257@netnews.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2540
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

On Tue, 13 May 1997 18:57:39 GMT, sco@sco-inc.com (SCO) wrote:

>
>I see code exams as necessary ... if you want to run cw in the HF cw
>sub-bands only. The only treaty obligation we have is for 5 wpm code.
>They (13/20 wpm code tests) have no future reason to exist for testing
>to see if a ham should be able to operate voice or data (computer) in
>the HF voice and data bands.
>
>If the present high speed code hams [Generals and above] want to keep
>the current code testing requirements, then lets make them put up or
>shut up. Change the rules to require RE-TESTING on CW (13/20 wpm only)
>every 5 years in order to keep your license.
>
>Let's see what happens. If they truely believe in CW they will endorse
>this idea. But if they only want to keep other hams out of HF country
>then they will fight this change to improve the CW use on HF. Because
>they won't want to have to re-learn the code themselves in order to
>keep their licenses.
>
>If you agree and would like to help me change this present situation,
>email me: KE4IKT@sco-inc.com

Hello:

I enjoy using the CW mode very much. I use sending/receiving speeds
as required.

I am, for one, in favor of re-testing to renew ham tickets, but let's
not stop at retesting for CW only.... I would go along with retesting
theory and cw (at all speeds and all levels) anytime that I want to
renew my ticket. Certainly, we should start with retesting at 5 wpm so
that those that cannot send/receive at 5wpm are weeded out first.

Thanks for expressing a good idea, but I dont think you have gone far
enough.

73s,
Vince

432. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6063$55b6bf80$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2541
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Vince- ex:WV2RSX <WA2RSX@worldnet.att.net> wrote in article
<3379123e.19068257@netnews.worldnet.att.net>...
> Hello:
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> as required.
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> not stop at retesting for CW only.... I would go along with retesting
> theory and cw (at all speeds and all levels) anytime that I want to
> renew my ticket. Certainly, we should start with retesting at 5 wpm so
> that those that cannot send/receive at 5wpm are weeded out first.

I have no fear a 5 wpm test ... I am sure that a week of evenings
at the computer with something like SuperMorse would get me
up to snuff. (I suspect I could pass 5 wpm with no brush-up, but
I used to be a Boy Scout ...) ... contrary to what some pro-coders
think, I really *did* learn Morse and actually used it considerably in
my early days ... because that was the only mode available on HF,
period, end of story. Had I been able to use SSB and RTTY and to
experiment with other modes (like those I was working on at work, for
example) I would have done all of that in a heartbeat and NEVER
used Morse again. BECAUSE I NEVER *LIKED* MORSE ... NOT
FOR ONE SINGLE MOMENT ... even though at my "peak" I could
pretty well copy a QSO at about 20 wpm (roughly, I never measured
it with precision, and I, unfortunately, didn't get an opportunity to take
a test ar that time, or I'd likely be an extra now ...)

Despite what the code bigots think, none of that makes me "less of
a ham."

However, I would submit that *IF* code speed is *REALLY* important
then it's *MOST* important that those who are licensed at the highest
levels (which, "of course" makes them "the most important" hams)
must, OF NECESSITY, be retested first, since if they aren't truly capable
of the blazing speeds *REQUIRED* for their higher class of license, they'll
obviously do the most serious, irreperable damage to hamdom, the world
in general, and the "reputation" of the ARRL, etc. ("IF" this *ISN'T* TRUE
then the entire argument that code testing is "necessary" at all falls
apart.)

SO, if you want to retest for code, then retest all the cranky, senile,
drunken, psycopathic olde fartz on 80m and 20m FIRST ... since less
than 40% of the ARRL-surveyed hams EVER use Morse, I doubt that

50% of those lids could pass a spot-check at their "license required"
code speed ...

Now, this cuts both ways ... since I voice the opinion that the theory
is the most important part, I'll happily volunteer to be retested in that
area ... I doubt that many of the undesirables I mentioned in the
preceeding paragraph could pass a *decent* technical test either.

> Thanks for expressing a good idea, but I dont think you have gone far
> enough.

Thanks for supporting a good idea ... but I don't think you're suggested
method of application is the most logical ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

433. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6063$de2ab1a0$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2542
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

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> > front in the HF section with us lily-white beeping hams.
> >
> > 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
> >
>
> So now the code is a form of racial discrimination? Boy that's a stretch
> even for you Cecil.
>
> K4XA
> Graham

It's just a means of expressing that the discrimination is "sort of
like" racial discrimination and/or segregation ... i.e. "without
sound basis, unfair, arbitrary, and distasteful."

Go rent a clue ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

434. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6066$6f7b1800$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2543
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc6013$bae75860$68029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
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> off
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> > WITH IT ...
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> > Carl - wa6vse
> > wa6vse@fast.net
>
> Old Farts? That's a broad assumption. I'm only 34. How old are you?
>
> K4XA
> Graham

Actually, Graham, I'm going on 47, but I'm NOT an "olde farte" ... an "old
timer" in some people's eyes, perhaps ... almost ready for QCWA in fact ...
but NOT an "olde farte"

You, on the other hand, even at 34, appear by the attituded that you
express
to be a perfect demonstration that one does not need to be chronologically
old to be an "olde farte" ... you see, it's NOT a matter of chronological
age at
all, but rather of attitude, openness to new ideas, spirit of
exploration/invention,
refusal to accept stagnation, etc.

Yes, Graham, it would appear that, unfortunately, even at your relatively
tender
age, you have chosen to figuratively senilify yourself, don a set of
blinders that
prevent you from openly considering, accepting, or even tolerating new
ideas,
actively lobby for technicological stagnation, and discriminate_against,
ridicule,
and shun those who have not (whether forcably or willingly) espoused the
same
narrowminded, bigoted philosophy ... YUP, you're an "olde farte."

How sad ... another mind bites the dust ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

p.s. I hestiate to mention it, because it's really a "downside" rather
than an
"upside," but since you obviously needed clarification on what constitutes
"an olde farte" and since I try to do a thorough and complete job of
providing
information when it's requested, I should probably (reluctantly) point out
that
all of the above would appear to make you an IDEAL candidate for membership
in both the ARRL (that's Archaic Retro Radio Luddites) and FISTS (that's
Fanatical Idiots Supporting Technological Stagnation) ... both groups hold
views
that correlate with yours and would, I am sure, welcome another olde farte
like
you with open arms ...

p.p.s. Enjoy your new life as a "Stepford Ham" ...

435. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3379E739.5BB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2544
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
> So now the code is a form of racial discrimination? Boy that's a stretch
> even for you Cecil. K4XA Graham

Hi Graham, I didn't say code testing is a form of "racial" discrimination
although it does remind me of racial/sexual/religious discrimination.

I said it is discriminatory and that's not such a stretch. "...to exclude
those unable or unwilling to learn the code, is *discriminatory*". From the
president and board of directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc.

Did you happen to have your forsight circumcised at birth?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

436. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3379E946.929@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2545
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> SO, if you want to retest for code, then retest all the cranky, senile,
> drunken, psycopathic olde fartz on 80m and 20m FIRST ...

Hi Carl, I wonder if we could get enough support to cause that to happen?
Instead of bringing criminal charges against those guys for foul language
and interferrence, maybe a mechanism could be set up for requiring hams who
violate the rules of ham radio to be required to re-test at their current
license level or else forfeit their license.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

437. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6078$0a1dd300$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2546
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Demolition Man <demoman@rollanet.nospam.org> wrote in article
<33792BB8.6953@rollanet.nospam.org>...
> This thread sucks major wind.

SImple solution ... don't read it ...

> I am extrememly new to ham radio

Welcome aboard ... but with all politeness intended, this implies
that you don't have the background or experience to recognize
the importance of the debate or the need for change.

> and i think this sucks!

Again, respectfully, simple solution ... don't read it ...

but you might actually benefit from coming to an understanding
of the underlying issues, prejudices, and problems and how
they threaten the very future survival of our service ...

> a.c.t. says the code test is irrelevant and more theory should
> be emplaced. why? what difference does it make? i've got a handful
> of degrees so does a lot of people. the only theory that really
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

obviously not in English grammar <grin>

> pertains
> to ham radio today is: don't cuss, give your call sign at the designated
> intervals,

if you *really* believe that, then you don't have a clue about why
our service exists and what it's supposed to accomplish ...
(glad to hear you do some building, despite your feeling that
theory knowledge is unimportant)

> people DO buy off the shelf radios and use the spoken
> word when communicating. how much freakin theory does that take?
> relevant topics as i stated before are to not cuss and give you call sign
when
> appropriate. that's all freakin frequencies.

Simply communicating via radio is NOT what ham radio is about,
nor does it take even the tiniest baby-step towards meeting our
charter goals and purpose responsibilities ...

> i became president of our little ham club in Salem, MO. my club
> runs a parallel with this news group. back biting, arrogant and
> no concern for their appearance to prospective hams.

Unfortunately, that's not just your club or this newsgroup ... that's
the the norm in many ways ...

> i'm in favor of code testing so i guess i'm "rabid" too.

not necessarily ...

> but i am
> NOT AGAINST reducing speeds OR other mode testing. some have
> offered up packet and fax etc. that's along my area of expertise as
> my degrees are rooted in the computer arena.
>
> more to the point:
>
> what's wrong with promoting ham radio's worth rather than
> detract from it.

The anti-code-test element is NOT "trying to detract from ham
radio's worth" but rather to enhance it by promoting the modernization
and adoption of new technologies that we so desparately need to
survive into the coming century ...

Carl - wa6vse
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438. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc60ac$edecece0$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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> and adoption of new technologies that we so desparately need to
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>
>

And why is it that we can't "adopt new technologies" and still have a code
test?

K4XA
Graham

439. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc60ad$75438820$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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> like" racial discrimination and/or segregation ... i.e. "without
> sound basis, unfair, arbitrary, and distasteful."
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The suggestion that its anything like any type of discrimination is
asinine.
Also, I rent to own.
K4XA
Graham

440. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc60af$960fea60$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2549
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc6066$6f7b1800$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...

------------------SNIP the same old bull *&%$-----------------

What NONE of you people have explained is why we have to drop the code test to adopt "new technology and modernize". I don't understand why you think that can't be done with the code test in place. You can't purchase and use the latest and most advanced equipment because you have to take a code test? How does the code test stop this? Thats what I don't understand. I don't have on blinders and I'm very open minded. The fact that I have put up with your crap for so long is proof of that. OK, this is your shot! Explain it to me. How does the code test requirement prevent me or anyone from using the latest forms of communication technology if we choose to do so? This is an real question and I would like an real answer. Not just another worthless comment. Thanks in advance.

K4XA
Graham

441. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc60b0$a11a57a0$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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> those unable or unwilling to learn the code, is *discriminatory*". From
the
> president and board of directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc.
>
> Did you happen to have your forsight circumcised at birth?
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Wrong yet another time Cecil! To exclude some who is UNWILLING to learn is
NOT discriminatory. They have CHOSEN not to participate. And for those who
are UNABLE to learn, a system is in place to provide a waiver. So once
again you have demonstrated your inability to use simple logic.

K4XA
Graham

442. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc60b1$8aa0c080$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2551
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
<3379E946.929@ccm.ch.intel.com>...

> Hi Carl, I wonder if we could get enough support to cause that to happen?
> Instead of bringing criminal charges against those guys for foul language
> and interferrence, maybe a mechanism could be set up for requiring hams
who
> violate the rules of ham radio to be required to re-test at their current

> license level or else forfeit their license.
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> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
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Hi Cecil,
I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you say,
but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure. You guys
might not like my ideas on code, but I do use proper procedure 100% on the
air. Some of the crap I hear on HF is a disgrace. Good idea.

K4XA
Graham

443. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5ldmej$bts@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2552
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <3379E739.5BB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>,
Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote:

>I said it is discriminatory and that's not such a stretch. "...to exclude
>those unable or unwilling to learn the code, is *discriminatory*". From the
>president and board of directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc.

Then, by definition, "...to exclude those unable or unwilling to learn the
theory is *discriminatory*".

Repeal the Theory!

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

444. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <337B1E56.5C7E@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2553
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
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> Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
> <3379E946.929@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
>
> > Hi Carl, I wonder if we could get enough support to cause that to happen?
> > Instead of bringing criminal charges against those guys for foul language
> > and interferrence, maybe a mechanism could be set up for requiring hams
> who
> > violate the rules of ham radio to be required to re-test at their current
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> > license level or else forfeit their license.
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> Hi Cecil,
> I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you say,
> but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure. You guys
> might not like my ideas on code, but I do use proper procedure 100% on the
> air. Some of the crap I hear on HF is a disgrace. Good idea.
>
> K4XA
> Graham

Hi, Cecil.

I, too, think this idea is excellent. Now here is a cause on which we
can all expend some concerted energy!

Best regards,
Lindsay Foster
WA4ISZ

445. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6121$0bc4e780$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2554
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc60ad$75438820$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > It's just a means of expressing that the discrimination is "sort of
> > like" racial discrimination and/or segregation ... i.e. "without
> > sound basis, unfair, arbitrary, and distasteful."
> > Go rent a clue ...
> >
> > Carl - wa6vse
> > wa6vse@fast.net
>
> The suggestion that its anything like any type of discrimination is
> asinine.
> Also, I rent to own.
> K4XA
> Graham

Your assertion that there is no discrimination WRT code and that
my assertion that there is is "asinine" is akin to a white plantation
owner of old asserting that his slaves "are quite content with their
lot in life, are treated well, and wouldn't know what to do or how to
take care of themselves were it not for his (their master's) magnificent
generosity and benevolence in seeing that they were cared for, fed,
and had the means to earn their keep."

Seems your application for credit on your lease has been denied ...
(sorry, not clue for rent to you)

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

446. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6124$c7d25ae0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2555
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc60af$960fea60$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
> <01bc6066$6f7b1800$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
>
> ------------------SNIP the same old bull *&%$-----------------
>
> What NONE of you people have explained is why we have to drop the code
test
> to adopt "new technology and modernize".

The two subjects are interrelated in a way that I strongly suspect is
beyond
the intellectual capacity of those of you with such deep Pavlovian
conditioning
to absorb and comprehend ... however, they ARE interrelated.

> I don't understand why you think
> that can't be done with the code test in place.

First and foremost, the whole "beeping is the best and highest method
of communicating by radio" myth has to be soundly destroyed, since
it's patently false and generates a LOT of bad attitudes towards hams
(from the public), amongst hams (the way beepers look down on non-
beepers, and the resulting resentment), and in many other ways.

> You can't purchase and use
> the latest and most advanced equipment because you have to take a code
> test?

Again ... try to find somewhere to at least rent or borrow a clue ... you
can't
just "go out and purchase and use the latest and most advanced equipment"
period ... you have to design and build it ... at the pace at which
technology
is moving, by the time even the newest commerial product *is* a commercial
product, it's virtually outdated ... this is why we need more folks who
have a
clue about technology and fewer beepers, yackers, and gamers (whose
[incorrect] idea of the "purpose of ham radio" is to support whichever
of the previously enumerated activities they prefer, regardless of how
inane)

> How does the code test stop this? Thats what I don't understand.

By keeping out the technically-inclined folks who could design and build (and teach others to at least build and use) the advanced equipment and modes that we need for the future ...

> I don't have on blinders and I'm very open minded.

Sorry ... I see NO evidence of the veracity of these claims ... if not blinders, perhaps welder's goggles at the bottom of a deep well at midnight???

> Explain it to me. How does the code test requirement prevent me or anyone
> from using the latest forms of communication technology if we choose to do
> so? This is an real question and I would like an real answer. Not just
> another worthless comment. Thanks in advance.

OK, I'll take this slow and easy for ya ...

First, you can't use what doesn't exist.

2nd, to develop what doesn't exist you need people who know HOW to develop what doesn't exist (and even to recognize what's needed).

3rd, the people refered to in (2) are kept out of ham radio in large numbers by the antiquated, distasteful, Morse hazing ritual that many coded hams insist must be maintained at all costs ...

4th, this policy of technological stagnation has already harmed ham radio seriously and, in fact, threatens our future survival as a viable FCC radio service in the coming century because it has resulted in our service NOT MEETING the vast majority of its' regulatory raisons d'etre. (if we don't "get a move on" the FCC will likely decide that we're not worth the spectral investment they've made, take our bands back, and auction them off to someone who will make FAR better public interest use of them.)

This concludes the *real* answer ... at least the short-form version of it ..
you're welcome.

I sincerely hope that you will consider these comments in a thoughtful manner, perferably in the light of reality, outside of the well, at high noon, and without the welder's goggles ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

447. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6125$e2e872a0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2556
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote in article
<5ldmej$bts@anomaly.ideamation.com>...

BEGIN PROGRAM (deny reality);

<INCLUDE: "std.bogus.pro-code.rantings">

> Then, by definition, "...to exclude those unable or unwilling to learn
the
> theory is *discriminatory*".

CALL (red.herring.favorite)

> Repeal the Theory!

RETURN (to.procode.fantasy.world; time.parameter = (present.time - 30
years));

LOOP (until.hell.freezes.over .or. rational.thought.prevails);

448. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Gordon Eade <n7ei@ctaz.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6145$a8ed6860$7ba255ce@Gordon.ctaz.com>
Source record: 2557
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

CW is the language spoken by hams all over the world and those who restrict their ham activities to the voice portion of the bands are missing part of the ham radio experience. Many CW contacts world wide are between hams who cannot communicate in the voice because of language barriers.

In some respects it is the written portions of the current exams that are more obsolete than the code requirement.

If you really want to get the cry babies made lets put in the requirement for US. operators only to learn and become proficient in american morse as well as the international morse code for the higher classes of liscenses.

The advanced class morse code requirement should be raised to 20 wpm and the extra to 40 wpm. The code heard on the extra class portions of the band is just awful and raising the requirements would help.

449. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6146$56ee6400$b290f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2558
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

I'm sorry, but I'm laughing so hard I can't hardly type ...
how absurd ... you MUST be joking, right???

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

Gordon Eade <n7ei@ctaz.com> wrote in article
<01bc6145$a8ed6860$7ba255ce@Gordon.ctaz.com>...
> CW is the language spoken by hams all over the world and those who
restrict
> their ham activities to the voice portion of the bands are missing part
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> the ham radio experience. Many CW contacts world wide are between hams
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> cannot communicate in the voice because of language barriers.
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> more obsolete than the code requirement.
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> for US. operators only to learn and become proficient in american morse
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> the extra to 40 wpm. The code heard on the extra class portions of the
> band is just awful and raising the requirements would help.

450. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337B3E67.1674@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2559
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
> Explain it to me. How does the code test requirement prevent me or anyone
> from using the latest forms of communication technology if we choose to do
> so? This is an real question and I would like an real answer.

Hi Graham, real answer. I work with a guy who designs the latest forms
of
communication technology and he is prevented from putting them on the
air
on the HF ham bands by the code test requirement and some other silly
rules.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

451. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337B3FCF.3203@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2560
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
> So once again you have demonstrated your inability to use simple logic.

Seems you missed the point. I didn't write that. The president and board members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc. wrote that. And for your information, I make my living designing logic, sometimes simple, but often
quite complex. I hold patents in the field of logic design. How 'bout we replace the code test with a boolean algebra test. How would you do?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

452. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337B4083.3AB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2561
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham wrote:
> I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you say,
> but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure.

Hi Graham, it's not always obvious, but I'll bet we agree on 99.98% of
the things in this world. I'll bet we're both against smallpox.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

453. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: markv@pixar.com
Message-ID: <5lfi0d$13o@pixar.com>
Source record: 2562
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <33776D3F.5B4E@lni.net>, Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote:
>Gerald Schmitt wrote:

>So what about the people that have a hard time with theory? I know
>people who had an easy time with the code but a bear of a time with the
>theory. Why shouldn't they be crying "get rid of the theory and make the
>code tests harder"!

Well, there is one major difference. The charter of amateur radio calls for advancing the state of the art. It would be difficult to advance the state of the art if one did not even know the basics of radio construction and design now, wouldn't it?

Nobody I know who is against mandatory code testing thinks that the theory test needs to be done away with, this is yet another red herring tossed out by people who use inflammatory remarks like "welfare ham licenses". Many think the theory exams should be harder.

Mark KF6KYI (another welfare ham, but not for long)
--
Mark T. VandeWettering Telescope Information (and more)
Email: <markv@pixar.com> http://www.idle.com/~markv/

454. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337B4B87.71B4@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2563
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Gordon Eade wrote:
> CW is the language spoken by hams all over the world ...

Hi Gordon, How can you expect anyone to take you seriously when you start your posting with a falsehood? CW is a method of encoding - CW is not a language. I have a list of all known languages - CW or Morse code is not on it. Neither is ASCII, another encoding method.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

455. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337B3D60.68B7@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2564
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
> Then, by definition, "...to exclude those unable or unwilling to learn the
> theory is *discriminatory*". Repeal the Theory!

So you know two definitions of "discriminatory", so what?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

456. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5leo20$71d@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2565
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Graham K4XA" <not@public.com> wrote:

>Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
><01bc6078$0a1dd300$9895f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
>> The anti-code-test element is NOT "trying to detract from ham
>> radio's worth" but rather to enhance it by promoting the modernization
>> and adoption of new technologies that we so desparately need to
>> survive into the coming century ...

>And why is it that we can't "adopt new technologies" and still have a code
>test?

Because there's no reason to retain the code test anymore.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

457. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5lep31$75d@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2566
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted from distribution as inappopriate.

"Graham" <not@public.com> wrote:
>What NONE of you people have explained is why we have to drop the code test
>to adopt "new technology and modernize".

I don't (but don't stop reading here).

> I don't understand why you think
>that can't be done with the code test in place. You can't purchase and use
>the latest and most advanced equipment because you have to take a code
>test? How does the code test stop this?

In a pure sense, it doesn't. What some suggest is that the continued
imposition of the CW requirement serves as an arbitrary and
unjustifiable barrier to many people (especially those already
technically comepetent) to become hams with HF licenses.

>OK, this is your shot!
>Explain it to me. How does the code test requirement prevent me or anyone
>from using the latest forms of communication technology if we choose to do
>so? This is an real question and I would like an real answer. Not just
>another worthless comment. Thanks in advance.

Same comment as above.

Now, having said that, I'll note that from my personal
perspective, that is not a reason to eliminate code because it is
just as speculative as the procode test advocates claiming the morse
test is a good filter against the unwashed and unwanted.

From my point of view, it is only necessary to point out that
their is no longer any valid, rational and/or compelling
reason to retain morse testing. As soon as both sides
abandon any reasons that fall into the speculative (i.e.
unprovable) arena, you then get to the crux of the
issue which leaves code testing in the indefensible position
it now is.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
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458. Future enforcement issues ... (was part of code/no-code)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6120$023affc0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2567
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc60b1$8aa0c080$49029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
> <3379E946.929@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
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> > Hi Carl, I wonder if we could get enough support to cause that to
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> > license level or else forfeit their license.
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> > 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
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> Hi Cecil,
> I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you
say,
> but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure. You guys
> might not like my ideas on code, but I do use proper procedure 100% on
the
> air. Some of the crap I hear on HF is a disgrace. Good idea.
>
> K4XA
> Graham

The only problem that I have with *any* enforcement measure is that, with
the FCC "out of the enforcement" business, who's going to play "radio cop"
and how do we assure that "justice" is metered out in a fair and
even-handed
manner ... I sure as hell don't trust the ARRL enough ... and I certainly
would
never vote in favor of giving them that sort of "power" ... they've done
far too
much damage to the ARS already without power ...

Regardless of code/no-code, technical issues, or anything else, one thing
that the ham community also needs to come to grips with is developing
some sort of way to actually see that the rules are enforced and that the
sociopaths that do slip through the licensing process are eliminated ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

459. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5lg1c1$cm4@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2568
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted as inappropriate.

"Gordon Eade" <n7ei@ctaz.com> wrote:
>CW is the language spoken by hams all over the world and those who restrict
>their ham activities to the voice portion of the bands are missing part of
>the ham radio experience.

The same can be said about any aspect of ham radio.

> Many CW contacts world wide are between hams who
>cannot communicate in the voice because of language barriers.

And that means what?

>In some respects it is the written portions of the current exams that are
>more obsolete than the code requirement.

Perhaps you can provide a few examples of why the written in
any respect is more obsolete?

>If you really want to get the cry babies made lets put in the requirement
>for US. operators only to learn and become proficient in american morse as
>well as the international morse code for the higher classes of liscenses.

Thankfully the idiocy and total lack of reason in that statement shuld
be self evident to anyone.

>The advanced class morse code requirement should be raised to 20 wpm and
>the extra to 40 wpm. The code heard on the extra class portions of the
>band is just awful and raising the requirements would help.

Help what?

Bill Sohl K2UNK
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Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

460. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5lfom0$eei@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2569
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc6125$e2e872a0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

[usual stream of personal insults deleted]

You're starting to get boringly predictable with the insults again,
Carl. I think you need to refresh your random number generator before
you pick up a standard insult out of your insult database.

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

461. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <demoman@rollanet.nospam.org>
Message-ID: <337B85CF.2468@rollanet.nospam.org>
Source record: 2570
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> > This thread sucks major wind.
>
> SImple solution ... don't read it ...
>
yeah, don't read the single most posted thread.... ok

> > I am extrememly new to ham radio
>
> Welcome aboard ... but with all politeness intended, this implies
> that you don't have the background or experience to recognize
> the importance of the debate or the need for change.
>
you get to vote the first day you're 18. you get cast your vote
on ham topics in like manner

> > and i think this sucks!
>
> Again, respectfully, simple solution ... don't read it ...
>
> but you might actually benefit from coming to an understanding
> of the underlying issues, prejudices, and problems and how
> they threaten the very future survival of our service ...
>
that, if you understood my post at all, is the focal point
of my soap-boxing. both sides are killing interest with all the
things you've mentioned above.

> > of degrees so does a lot of people. the only theory that really
> ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
> obviously not in English grammar <grin>
>
true

does/do

syntax took a backseat on my secondary ed. minor.

> > pertains
> > to ham radio today is: don't cuss, give your call sign at the designated
> > intervals,
>
> if you *really* believe that, then you don't have a clue about why
> our service exists and what it's supposed to accomplish ...

yeah, ok again. try reading the my post again after shrugging the
shackles of a "two party" "service". i was merely stating the obvious.
getting my w.a.s. i heard little else. i took the easy way i guess and
ran the gambit, 160m - 10m.

> (glad to hear you do some building, despite your feeling that
> theory knowledge is unimportant)
>
now there's a grammar lesson. unimportant and irrelevant are not listed
as synonyms by roget. no-code says code is irrelevant AND unimportant
due to it's antiquated nature. i merely stated that the same or higher
ratio of unused theory exists in ham radio. my theory credentials
are pretty good but not the issue here. now a "little" building strikes
a more personal note but i'm sure that was not intended. my multicast
repeater system is the pride of s.c. MO and certainly mine. all built
or
assembled by me. the club has it's own 2m machine that it supports.

> > people DO buy off the shelf radios and use the spoken
> > word when communicating. how much freakin theory does that take?
> > relevant topics as i stated before are to not cuss and give you call sign
> when
> > appropriate. that's all freakin frequencies.
>
> Simply communicating via radio is NOT what ham radio is about,
> nor does it take even the tiniest baby-step towards meeting our
> charter goals and purpose responsibilities ...
>
didn't say it was, just pointed out what's out there. i studied
the same manuals. my station was the ONLY one in dent county that
could assist the local relief authorities when the entire town lost
power
for a little over 18 hours. [that's the best anecdote i have barring
charity and non RF related community work] i was doing what ham radio
is about before i knew what ham radio was, so i am enlightened to some
degree.

> > i became president of our little ham club in Salem, MO. my club
> > runs a parallel with this news group. back biting, arrogant and
> > no concern for their appearance to prospective hams.
>
> Unfortunately, that's not just your club or this newsgroup ... that's
> the the norm in many ways ...
>
> > i'm in favor of code testing so i guess i'm "rabid" too.
>
> not necessarily ...
>
> > but i am
> > NOT AGAINST reducing speeds OR other mode testing. some have
> > offered up packet and fax etc. that's along my area of expertise as
> > my degrees are rooted in the computer arena.

> >
> > more to the point:
> >
> > what's wrong with promoting ham radio's worth rather than
> > detract from it.
>
> The anti-code-test element is NOT "trying to detract from ham
> radio's worth" but rather to enhance it by promoting the modernization
> and adoption of new technologies that we so desparately need to
> survive into the coming century ...
>
again, read the post. to clarify what must have been obscure, i was
commenting on how easily the debate can and has detracted from ham
radio. i did not single out either side as being right or wrong.
i did state my opinion at the end but not in a way as to cast blame
on any other view.

lot's of non hams lurk these groups, i merely wanted to bring to light
the need for a positive debate on BOTH sides rather than a negative one.
it's takes little experience for that.

i'm sure i've quoted far too much and for that i apologize to the
ever present bandwith ;)
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462. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5li4n4$666@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2473
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc6217$33db2120$e690f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>Please also comment on the conversion strategy ...
>Carl - wa6vse
>wa6vse@fast.net

Power limits in accordance with license class are a good thing (as long as there aren't more than two power limits);

Some HF access for all license classes is a good thing;

Maintaining some aspect of code proficiency somewhere in the system is also a good thing; either at the very top for high speed or at the very bottom on a written exam.

But retesting every 5 or 10 years is an extrordinarily bad idea. I upgraded in order to be done with testing. I know what I need to know, from practice. I learn what I need to learn in practice. I don't mind filling out a questionaire about new rules at renewal time, but I intend to be done with VE sessions - unless of course I am the VE.

You also made the comment that the written exams are very easy. Do you not find being a ham radio operator to be likewise? The exam should scale to some extent to the activity - wouldn't you agree?

73,

Jim AC6XG

463. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6217$33db2120$e690f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2474
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Curt Phillips <cphillips@pobox.com> wrote in article
<5lgqaq$5rp@redstone.interpath.net>...
[snipped Curt's explaination of past opposition and subsequent change
of heart with respect to no-code license]

> I have several friends who are highly skilled engineers in electronics,
> and they always said the code was preventing them from getting a license.
> And, as soon as the code requirement was dropped, they got their license.
> I'd certainly say that ham radio is better off for them being licensed.
>
> During the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, I worked in several
> emergency operations side-by-side with "no-code" Techs. They did
> a great job, and we needed them. So again, ham radio is better for
> their being hams... code or not.
>
> Because of the International requirement, I'm not sure totally
> eliminating the code would be appropriate, but I'd advocate 5 wpm
> General. They would "know the code" to meet the International
requirement,
> but 5 wpm is little more that just having memorized the code. If the
> International requirement was dropped, I'd be for a no-code General.

Why *just* "general" ??? Why not "extra" ??? (bear in mind that there are
proposals about that would reduce our licensing structure to 2 classes
"entry-level" and "standard" (names are not important and subject to
change)

> Put Advanced at 10 wpm... General has HF privileges, so to get
> extra frequencies a knowledge of code wouldn't be out of place.

Since I intended to ask the question before I read ahead, I'll go ahead
and ask it anyway in the interest of understanding your feelings and
thoughts ... Why do you feel that a code test is relevant and appropriate
("so to get extra frequencies a knowledge of code wouldn't be out of
place")
as a means of "earning" TOTALLY UNRELATED priveleges??? I have
never been able to see, nor have I heard, a rational explaination that
really
justifies this ... all I've ever seen/heard were emotional arguments based
on things like "traditon" that have no place in government licensing
schemes.

> However, in the interest of reducing the number of license classes,
> I wouldn't even mind them eliminating the Advanced Class license, and
> adding those freqs to the General privileges.

OK ...

> For Extra, leave it a 20 wpm.

Why? What legitimate government purpose would be served?
(that's ALL that is valid as a criteria for government licensing)

> You can have a lot of fun and do a lot
> of HF operating without the Extra Class freqs (as I did for 25 years),

True, but neither is that a compelling reason for maintaining the status
quo ...

> Extra would just be a reward for extra technical knowledge and supporting
> ham radio tradition. I wouldn't even care if the Extra class band
segments
> were shrunk a little.

Proposals currently afoot contemplate combining advanced and extra theory
into the "standard" (arbitrary name) license class (5 wpm code test until
ITU
treaty requirements go away, no proposed ban on use of code, of course).

Besides, licensing is NOT about "rewards" .... even for "extra technical
knowledge" ... it's only about assuring necessary levels of competency
for the activities that the license permits (or conversely that the lack of
such
license prohibits or restricts ...)

> Maybe a license structure like:
>
> Tech (for operations above 30MHz); no code
> General (Tech with HF freqs); no code or slow code (5 wpm)
> Extra (mostly an honorary license class, with 20 wpm retained)
>
>
> HOWEVER, IMHO the technical tests should be increased in difficultly,

The 2 class proposal afoot contemplates the "entry-level" license as having
a technical test that's *at least* the equal of the full general theory
(current
no-code techs may have, but have not IMHO been tested for sufficient
technical knowledge to justify some of their privs ... like 1500W output
at frequencies that can cook flesh and fog corneas) This "entry-level"
class
would have a power limit in the 50-250 W range, possibly 250 on HF and
50 at the higher freqs where physiological concerns of exposure are
greater.

> and
> the publishing of the question pool should stop. It's just too easy
> to memorize the answers now.

It's unclear if the FOI and other government legal concerns would permit
this, but there are ways to address this ... expanding the pool to a size

that
precludes memorization and randomizing variables via computer generated
tests for each session (or even each individual) seem feasible ...

> After one night of reviewing the manual, and I passed Extra theory and
> missed only one question (and I had somehow missed reading the
> page it was on). I'm an engineer, but an ME not a EE, and even though
> I'd been a ham for 25 years, it should have been more difficult than
that.

I would agree that the technical tests are absurdly easy ... and should be
more comprehensive ...

> In technical tests, one of the things that makes you learn the material
> more thoroughly is the fact that you don't know how the test maker will
> try to "trip you up." However, with the amateur tests you DO know
> exactly how the questions will be framed. So you can create
> arbitrary "rules of thumb" that will work for the test, but not for
> all of the circumstances in real life. Not good.
> And I'd definitely be in favor of more questions on digital modes.
>
> So there, I've added a little fuel to keep the debate churning
> for a while longer. :-)

I have not differences with any of the above quote ...
please comment on your thoughts relative to what I've said about
the 2 class proposal that's afoot ...

BWT ... the idea for conversion strategy that I've proposed is to
grandfather all current licensees at their current priveleges in
terms of power output for 5 years or until their next renewal,
whichever is longer ... at renewal, they would take a test, if
necessary to convert to the desired new class ...

for example
no-code techs would take a 5 wpm test and the "upgrade"
written to convert ... (since the "E-L" written is more rigorous
than the no-code tech written they already passed) ... generals
would convert to "E-L" with no test required, but would be subject
to the power limits and would gain frequencies, since there are
no class-based sub-bands under the new plan.

Advanceds would have to take an "upgrade" test to achieve
"standard" class with full-power privs, ability to be a VE, etc.

Existing extras would automatically be "standards."

When the ITU requirements for Morse testing go away, none
of the classes would require even the 5 wpm Morse test.

This begs the question of the continuation of a no-code class
with VHF and up privs until that time, with the same written as
the "E-L" but no HF privs ... this seems fair and reasonable, since

such a class exists today ... when the code test requirements go away, the no-coders would automaticallty convert to "E-Ls" and gain HF privs (based on having passed the "E-L" written exam.

Please also comment on the conversion strategy ...

Carl - wa6vse
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464. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ed Hare, W1RFI" <ehare@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <5lhnq9$kqh@mgate.arrl.org>
Source record: 2475
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>> Are you truly advocating treating CW like spark and outlawing it?

>No, Cecil, I don't believe he his ... I have yet to see a no-code-test
>advocate who wanted to outright ban the use of Morse ... that's a
>red herring that the pro-coders throw up once in a while ... nothing
>more ...

The only place I recall seeing the red herring is in your posts. I don't recall any of the "pro-code" posts that really believed that the anti-code-test folks are seeking to outlaw Morse Code.

Hmmm. . . :-)

73,
Ed Hare, W1RFI

465. Re: Future enforcement issues ... (was part of code/no-code)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6238$609fb060$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2476
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> Regardless of code/no-code, technical issues, or anything else, one thing
> that the ham community also needs to come to grips with is developing
> some sort of way to actually see that the rules are enforced and that the
> sociopaths that do slip through the licensing process are eliminated ...
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net
>

Right on the nose! I'll be willing to help this issue any way I can. We agree on something! Kinda scary! Just kidding, but we (all hams) do need to come to some common ground on how to resolve these issues. The ARRL and FCC are not going to do it. Its ultimately up to us. See! I'm not such a bad guy!

K4XA
Graham

466. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6233$8a5df9c0$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2477
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc6121$0bc4e780$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
>> Your assertion that there is no discrimination WRT code and that
> my assertion that there is is "asinine" is akin to a white plantation
> owner of old asserting that his slaves "are quite content with their
> lot in life, are treated well, and wouldn't know what to do or how to
> take care of themselves were it not for his (their master's) magnificent
> generosity and benevolence in seeing that they were cared for, fed,
> and had the means to earn their keep."
>
> Seems your application for credit on your lease has been denied ...
> (sorry, not clue for rent to you)
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net

Carl, Carl, Carl. You better drop this one. I even embarrassed FOR you.

K4XA
Graham

467. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6233$1d2eed00$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2478
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote in article
<5leo20$71d@jupiter.planet.net>...
>> >And why is it that we can't "adopt new technologies" and still have a
code
> >test?
>
> Because there's no reason to retain the code test anymore.
>
> Bill Sohl K2UNK

So, if we follow you logic (or lack of it), because you think we don't need the code test any longer, we can't advance technologically until the test is gone. See, thats not an answer to the question. Thats just a "yes it is - no it is not" response. I'm trying to understand your side of the argument, but no one will answer me.

K4XA
Graham

468. Radio Friendship is a French Radio Dx Group ! ! !

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Arnaud <rfgroup@mygale.org>
Message-ID: <01bc6167$2ad10b40$0100007f@asuze>
Source record: 2479
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.am,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.cb,su.org.ham-radio

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Hello,

The Radio Friendship is a French Radio Dxing Group, the site is now in
French and in English. Please come and visit
(http://www.mygale.org/10/rfgroup) it ! !
If you add a site on Radio, or Electronique, write an e-mail to
Rfgroup@mygale.org for add your URL on this site.

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469. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5li437$lp8@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2480
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

cphillips@pobox.com (Curt Phillips) wrote:
> I have several friends who are highly skilled engineers in electronics,
>and they always said the code was preventing them from getting a license.
>And, as soon as the code requirement was dropped, they got their license.
>I'd certainly say that ham radio is better off for them being licensed.

> During the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, I worked in several
>emergency operations side-by-side with "no-code" Techs. They did
>a great job, and we needed them. So again, ham radio is better for
>their being hams... code or not.

> Because of the International requirement, I'm not sure totally
>eliminating the code would be appropriate, but I'd advocate 5 wpm
>General. They would "know the code" to meet the International requirement,
>but 5 wpm is little more that just having memorized the code.

But it does totally satisfy the international requirement.

>If the
>International requirement was dropped, I'd be for a no-code General.

Me too.

> Put Advanced at 10 wpm... General has HF privileges, so to get
>extra frequencies a knowledge of code wouldn't be out of place.

Sure it is since most all of the added frequency privaledges
are phone subbands for the advanced. See more below.

>However, in the interest of reducing the number of license classes,
>I wouldn't even mind them eliminating the Advanced Class license, and
>adding those freqs to the General privileges.

That's not an unreasonable viewpoint either.

> For Extra, leave it a 20 wpm. You can have a lot of fun and do a lot
>of HF operating without the Extra Class freqs (as I did for 25 years), so
>Extra would just be a reward for extra technical knowledge and supporting
>ham radio tradition. I wouldn't even care if the Extra class band segments
>were shrunk a little.

> Maybe a license structure like:

> Tech (for operations above 30MHz); no code
> General (Tech with HF freqs); no code or slow code (5 wpm)
> Extra (mostly an honorary license class, with 20 wpm retained)

Actually, I see no reason to tie 20wpm to additional frequencies
that are phone. I'd suggest having an Extra (non-code) and an extra
with code (20wpm or whatever anyone wants it to be). Set aside
the lower 50KHz of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m as Extra class with
the first 25KHz reserved for Extra+ as CW only.

> HOWEVER, IMHO the technical tests should be increased in difficultly, and
>the publishing of the question pool should stop. It's just too easy
>to memorize the answers now.

Did you know the following:
As was reported in the W5YI Report of 12/15/96,
the NOVICE and TECHNICIAN question pools
have increased by 46%. The prior set of
questions comprised a total pool of 632 questions,
while the new pool of questions is now 924.
The Novice pool has increased 41% from a total
of 342 questions to 483. The Technician pool has
increased 52% from 290 to 441.

Now I don't know anyone that can just spend
a weekend or even longer to exactly
memorize 440 questions, much less the
over 900 just to pass the Novice/Technician
set of theory elements.

What some may not have known (and I include myself
in that) is that there is no upper limit to the quantity
of questions that can be in the pool. There is
only a part 97 minimum (97.523) that requires
"Each question pool must be at least 10 times the
number of questions required for a single
examination."

Given that no upper bound exists for question pools,
I'd like to sugest that each question that deals with
a formula calculation have at least 20 iterations
where each iteration uses a different set of variables.
That should truly eliminate any rote memorization of
the questions involving formula calculations.

As the question pools for General, Advanced and Extra
come due for revision, a similar increase in the size
of the question pools is expected.

> So there, I've added a little fuel to keep the debate churning
>for a while longer. :-)

I welcome your positive contribution.

Note - rec.radio.amateur.misc deleted from crossposting
as inappropriate.

Cheers,

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

470. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337C9771.70D5@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2481
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Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "entry-level" and "standard" (names are not important and subject to
> change)

In that case, let's name them the "slave" and the "master" licenses. :-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

471. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6236$6f86ea00$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2482
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc6124$c7d25ae0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
> OK, I'll take this slow and easy for ya ...
>
> First, you can't use what doesn't exist.

I'll give you that one.

>
> 2nd, to develop what doesn't exist you need people who know HOW to
> develop what doesn't exist (and even to recognize what's needed).
>

Still sounds good.

> 3rd, the people refered to in (2) are kept out of ham radio in large
> numbers by the antiquated, distasteful, Morse hazing ritual that many
coded hams
> insist must be maintained at all costs ...
>

So, these people have to be hams to do this wonderful design work. And its
keeping them out because.....they don't want to
take the code test? They can't "do" the code? What? This I need an answer
to. (Yes, a REAL answer)

> 4th, this policy of technological stagnation has already harmed ham radio
> seriously and, in fact, threatens our future survival as a viable FCC
radio
> service in the coming century because it has resulted in our service NOT
> MEETING the vast majority of its' regulatory raisons d'etre.

As an example, we have not met.....what? Please help me out on
this one.
(don't be a weenie, I really want to know)

>(if we don't "get a move on" the FCC will likely decide that we're not
worth the
> spectral investment they've made, take our bands back, and auction them
off to
> someone who will make FAR better public interest use of them.)
>

I'll buy that part.

> This concludes the *real* answer ... at least the short-form version of
it
> ..
> you're welcome.
>
> I sincerely hope that you will consider these comments in a thoughtful
> manner, perferably in the light of reality, outside of the well, at high
> noon, and without the welder's goggles ...
>
Now see? Can't you just give an answer without doing this? I have really
TRIED to stop the smart assed comments because I have become genuinely
interested in "your" side of the argument. If I didn't WANT to know, I
wouldn't ASK. At least I'm trying to get enough info to make an intelligent
decision. I was an asshole about it at first, but now I really want to
know.

> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net
>
>

472. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6237$873d5c00$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2483
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
<337B3FCF.3203@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
> Graham wrote:
> > So once again you have demonstrated your inability to use simple logic.
>
> Seems you missed the point. I didn't write that. The president and board
> members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc. wrote that.

I know you did not WRITE it, but you do BELIEVE it. And the logic WAS
flawed.

> And for your information, I make my living designing logic, sometimes
simple, but
> often quite complex. I hold patents in the field of logic design.

Sounds pretty cool!

>How 'bout we replace the code test with a boolean algebra test. How would
you >do?
>

I would do very well actually. I have a few degrees myself sport! Just
don't replace it with a world literature test. I hated that class!

K4XA
Graham

473. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: cphillips@pobox.com
Message-ID: <5lgqaq$5rp@redstone.interpath.net>
Source record: 2571
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote:
>Christopher Cox wrote:
>> It is strange to note the really talented Amateur's I know hold Advanced
>> tickets, not Extra. Never did ask them why they stopped.
>Hi Christopher, not that I'm talented, but if you take the privileges
>in kHz and divide by the wpm requirement, you will see that the advanced
>class license gives the most privileges for the least amount of effort.
>I could pass the extra written exam and probably pass a 20 wpm multiple
>guess Morse code exam but why bother?

It's so interesting to see the code/no-code debate still going.
It's one constant in a changing world. :-)

I was licensed in 1968, and held an Advanced Class license from 1970 to
1995. For me, although I always "intended" to upgrade to Extra
"eventually," the real incentive was a 1x2 call. I've always wanted a 1x2,
and that was what it took to get me to upgrade. I even got my
initials, so it was really worth the effort for me.
Whether I am talented or untalented, I'm not really more or less
so since I upgraded. That observation sounds like a swipe at
20 wpm, and evidence that the observer just doesn't know enough Extra
Class hams to make such a judgement.

As for the code and code testing, I have generally been a traditionalist
and up until last time a no-code license was proposed, I opposed a
no-code license. Finally, the last time I supported the no-code license
and it passed (and no doubt, my support was critical in causing it to
pass :-)

I have several friends who are highly skilled engineers in electronics,
and they always said the code was preventing them from getting a license.
And, as soon as the code requirement was dropped, they got their license.
I'd certainly say that ham radio is better off for them being licensed.

During the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, I worked in several
emergency operations side-by-side with "no-code" Techs. They did
a great job, and we needed them. So again, ham radio is better for
their being hams... code or not.

Because of the International requirement, I'm not sure totally
eliminating the code would be appropriate, but I'd advocate 5 wpm
General. They would "know the code" to meet the International requirement,
but 5 wpm is little more that just having memorized the code. If the
International requirement was dropped, I'd be for a no-code General.
Put Advanced at 10 wpm... General has HF privileges, so to get

extra frequencies a knowledge of code wouldn't be out of place.
However, in the interest of reducing the number of license classes,
I wouldn't even mind them eliminating the Advanced Class license, and
adding those freqs to the General privileges.

For Extra, leave it a 20 wpm. You can have a lot of fun and do a lot
of HF operating without the Extra Class freqs (as I did for 25 years), so
Extra would just be a reward for extra technical knowledge and supporting
ham radio tradition. I wouldn't even care if the Extra class band segments
were shrunk a little.

Maybe a license structure like:

Tech (for operations above 30MHz); no code
General (Tech with HF freqs); no code or slow code (5 wpm)
Extra (mostly an honorary license class, with 20 wpm retained)

HOWEVER, IMHO the technical tests should be increased in difficultly, and
the publishing of the question pool should stop. It's just too easy
to memorize the answers now.
After one night of reviewing the manual, and I passed Extra theory and
missed only one question (and I had somehow missed reading the
page it was on). I'm an engineer, but an ME not a EE, and even though
I'd been a ham for 25 years, it should have been more difficult than that.

In technical tests, one of the things that makes you learn the material
more thoroughly is the fact that you don't know how the test maker will
try to "trip you up." However, with the amateur tests you DO know
exactly how the questions will be framed. So you can create
arbitrary "rules of thumb" that will work for the test, but not for
all of the circumstances in real life. Not good.
And I'd definitely be in favor of more questions on digital modes.

So there, I've added a little fuel to keep the debate churning
for a while longer. :-)

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========== Opinions expressed are solely those of the author ==========
Curt Phillips, CEM W4CP exKD4YU;WB4LHI| They that can give up essential
Engineer/ Writer/ Gadgeteer/ Raconteur| liberty to obtain a little
Chairman, Tar Heel Scanner/SWL Group | temporary safety deserve neither
ARRL Life; QCWA; Raleigh ARS; NRA; AEE|liberty nor safety. -Ben Franklin
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474. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5lhnhl$f2i@dolphin.cannet.com>
Source record: 2572
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

:I am, for one, in favor of re-testing to renew ham tickets, but let's
:not stop at retesting for CW only.... I would go along with retesting
:theory and cw (at all speeds and all levels) anytime that I want to
:renew my ticket. Certainly, we should start with retesting at 5 wpm so
:that those that cannot send/receive at 5wpm are weeded out first.
:
:Thanks for expressing a good idea, but I dont think you have gone far
:enough.
:
:73s,
:Vince

On a few rare occassions, the FCC has re-tested in an effort to get a few malicious individuals off of the air. I can only think of one time in the past ten years that this has been done.

Tom - N8ECW

475. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6265$e000d0a0$189cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2484
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

James W. KELLEY <jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu> wrote in article
<5li4n4$666@news.service.uci.edu>...
> In article <01bc6217$33db2120$e690f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
>
> >Please also comment on the conversion strategy ...
> >Carl - wa6vse
> >wa6vse@fast.net
>
> Power limits in accordance with license class are a good thing (as long
> as there aren't more than two power limits);

Only 2 classes, only 2 power limits ... "entry-level" (say 50-250 ???)
and "standard" (up to 1500 WPEP)

> Some HF access for all license classes is a good thing;

The idea is FULL HF access all bands, all modes for both
classes (power limit is the difference, since it's justifiable ...
sub-band ghettos are arbitrary and "balkanize" our community)

> Maintaining some aspect of code proficiency somewhere in the system is
> also a good thing; either at the very top for high speed or at the very
> bottom on a written exam.

5 wpm until ITU treaty changes for HF access, then Morse is
COMPLETELY voluntary and optional ... no ban on use, though.

> But retesting every 5 or 10 years is an extrordinarily bad idea. I
> upgraded in order to be done with testing. I know what I need to know,
> from practice. I learn what I need to learn in practice.

Sorry ... I can't agree here ... maybe you do, but FAR too many have
not learned what they need to know, either initially, or by stagnating
40 years ago and leaning nothing since ... I firmly believe that some
retesting for technical currency is important to maintain our standards
of technical competence ... don't blow off the whole proposal on this
single issue ... I'm clearly not the sole decision-maker here, but I will
fight for retesting ...

> I don't mind
> filling out a questionaire about new rules at renewal time, but I intend
> to be done with VE sessions - unless of course I am the VE.

The retest does not necessarily have to be a full-blown test like one
would take to be licensed initially ... it could be a "spot check" on

new technology of the past 10 years ... I'm just looking for something
to preclude fossilization in place ...

> You also made the comment that the written exams are very easy. Do you
> not find being a ham radio operator to be likewise? The exam should
> scale to some extent to the activity - wouldn't you agree?

Being an amateur carries certain responsibilities and obligations which
require
a certain level of technical knowledge and skill ... everyone does not need
to
be an EE, but they should at least be reasonable lower-level technician
material.
The present exams do not assure that minimal necessary level of knowledge
and
skill, as witnessed by the know-nothings in our ranks ... some of whom are
extras and haven't a clue, even about such basic things as Ohm's Law and
how
to cut a diplole to resonance ... we cannot permit that sort of thing to
continue.

Carl - wa6vse
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476. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6275$f475fc80$189cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2485
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bill Sohl <billsohl@planet.net> wrote in article
<5li437$lp8@jupiter.planet.net>...
> Actually, I see no reason to tie 20wpm to additional frequencies
> that are phone. I'd suggest having an Extra (non-code) and an extra
> with code (20wpm or whatever anyone wants it to be). Set aside
> the lower 50KHz of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m as Extra class with
> the first 25KHz reserved for Extra+ as CW only.

We're talking about only 2 classes, both of which have only a 5 wpm
Morse test and that ONLY until the ITU treaty drops a code test
requirement ... the Archaic Retro Radio Luddites or the Fanatical
Idiots Supporting Technological Stagnation are free to offer voluntary
Morse speed "Brag Rag" certificates to anyone who wishes to jump
through whatever non-governmental hoops they choose to establish.

Carl - wa6vse
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477. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc62df$ccd87c60$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc6237$873d5c00$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
>
> >How 'bout we replace the code test with a boolean algebra test. How
would
> you >do?
> >
>
> I would do very well actually. I have a few degrees myself sport! Just
> don't replace it with a world literature test. I hated that class!
>
> K4XA
> Graham

I vote that we replace the code test with a world literature test ... that
way Graham may begin to comprehend the absurdity, irrelevance, and
stupidity of Morse testing ..

Carl - wa6vse
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478. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <337DFFF3.5703@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2487
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> I vote that we replace the code test with a world literature test ... that
> way Graham may begin to comprehend the absurdity, irrelevance, and
> stupidity of Morse testing ..

But if he really understood and took the time to get into world literature
he would come to love it (and then try to force it on everybody else). :-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

479. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc62fc$b010c160$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2488
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc6236$6f86ea00$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
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>
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
> <01bc6124$c7d25ae0$6790f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
> > OK, I'll take this slow and easy for ya ...
> >
> > First, you can't use what doesn't exist.
>
> I'll give you that one.
>
> >
> > 2nd, to develop what doesn't exist you need people who know HOW to
> > develop what doesn't exist (and even to recognize what's needed).
> >
>
> Still sounds good.
>
>
> > 3rd, the people refered to in (2) are kept out of ham radio in large
> > numbers by the antiquated, distasteful, Morse hazing ritual that many
> > coded hams insist must be maintained at all costs ...
> >
>
> So, these people have to be hams to do this wonderful design work.

Why would non-hams spend large amounts of time and energy developing
stuff for hams to use if they weren't able to use it themselves??? (And
don't
tell me "to make the big bucks" ... that will only get laughs ... ham gear
mfgrs.
have been steadily going out of business for years and years because the
market is so small and the customer so damned cheap ...

> And its
> keeping them out because.....they don't want to
> take the code test? They can't "do" the code? What? This I need an answer
> to. (Yes, a REAL answer)

Because the skilled people we need are too smart and too busy to waste
the relatively huge amounts of time necessary to get "proficient" in Morse
when the have no interest in using it and never will use it ... it's a
waste

and a torture they're not prepared to endure ...

> > 4th, this policy of technological stagnation has already harmed ham
radio
> > seriously and, in fact, threatens our future survival as a viable FCC
> radio
> > service in the coming century because it has resulted in our service
NOT
> > MEETING the vast majority of its' regulatory raisons d'etre.
>
> As an example, we have not met.............what? Please help me out on
> this one. (don't be a weenie, I really want to know)

The purpose of ham radio, in the eyes of the regulators (and the reason we
have bands to begin with) is primarily to encourage technical
experimentation
and self-training ... that's what we're not doing NEARLY enough of ... the
vast
majority of today's hams are technically ignorant applianace operators who
waste valuable spectrum playing games and being obnoxious ... period.

MD and others will disput this and try to play all sorts of word games to
try to make it seem otherwise, but the technical and public service aspects
of ham radio are ALL the regulators give a rat's ass about ... they could
carl less than less about contests, etc. in fact if they really observed
what
goes on on our bands closely for a few weeks or months, they'd probably
summarily pull the plug on us without further discussion ...

Nowhere in Part 97 does it say jack about games, contests, etc. ... that's
ALL a perversion of ham radio that was dreampt up by the ARRL ... they have
COMPLETELY devalued and deemphasized what ham radio is *supposed*
to be ...

That's what we need to fix ...

> >(if we don't "get a move on" the FCC will likely decide that we're not
> worth the spectral investment they've made, take our bands back, and
> auction them off to someone who will make FAR better public interest
> use of them.)
> >
>
> I'll buy that part.
>
> > This concludes the *real* answer ... at least the short-form version of
> it
> > ..
> > you're welcome.
> >
> > I sincerely hope that you will consider these comments in a thoughtful
> > manner, perferably in the light of reality, outside of the well, at
high

> > noon, and without the welder's goggles ...
> >
> Now see? Can't you just give an answer without doing this? I have really
> TRIED to stop the smart assed comments because I have become genuinely
> interested in "your" side of the argument. If I didn't WANT to know, I
> wouldn't ASK. At least I'm trying to get enough info to make an
intelligent
> decision. I was an asshole about it at first, but now I really want to
> know.

OK, Graham ... I withdraw the sarcasm at the end of my previous post WRT
the well and the welder's goggles ... you're man enough to admit that you
were
wrong in your approach at first (and that approach is what pissed me off
towards
you) and I have to give you credit for taking a better, more open-minded
tack ...

OK?

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480. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com>
Message-ID: <337E874C.6C4A@calweb.com>
Source record: 2489
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore wrote:
>
> Graham wrote:
> > So, if we follow you logic (or lack of it), because you think we don't need
> > the code test any longer, we can't advance technologically until the test
> > is gone.
>
> Look at it this way, Graham (-: Amateur radio is like a basketball team that
> won't allow anybody on the team who is over six feet tall - then wonders why
> they're a bunch of losers and get absolutely no respect.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
Wow! Cecil, your arguments amaze me. They are so connected to reality.
Tsk What the hell has baseball and purely physical attributes got
to do with CW and Ham Radio. Would a 4 1/2 foot tall basketball
player make it in the NBA? A better analogy though since in this
case physical attributes are a factor.

Keep up the good fight.

Bob, KE6F

481. Info needed on 25/29 Ghz propagation

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: bart@es.co.nz
Message-ID: <bart.88.0A852722@es.co.nz>
Source record: 2490
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,nl.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.space

Hi all,

I am trying to find any information on the propagation and behavior of QPSK transmisions in the 25 to 29 Ghz band.
Especially maximum range in good weather, rain and fog interference and reflection aspects, that is, does the signal reflect of buildings, trees or is it absorbed.

Any information on these bands is welcome, either amateur experiments or commercial data.

Please reply by EMAIL as I do not normally read these newsgroups :)

Thanks for all help,

Bart Kindt
PA2FOX / ZL4FOX
Dunedin, New Zealand

482. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: tbryant@cannet.com
Message-ID: <5llmf1$hfq@dolphin.cannet.com>
Source record: 2491
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

>Wrong yet another time Cecil! To exclude some who is UNWILLING to learn is
>NOT discriminatory. They have CHOSEN not to participate. And for those who
>are UNABLE to learn, a system is in place to provide a waiver. So once
>again you have demonstrated your inability to use simple logic.

Also remember this: "discriminate" and "chose" are synonyms. Although the
former has merited a negative connotation in its meaning.

Tom - N8ECW

483. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Michael D. Wolff" <mwolff@usa.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6337$68e94380$5d2dad98@mwolff.panasonicfa.com>
Source record: 2492
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Seems to me that it is discriminatory to use CW as a filter to keep people who want to use voice on HF off of HF bands....

73, de,

N1GSV

> Maybe a quote from the President and Board of Directors of the Radio
> Amateurs of Canada, Inc. would help: "To suggest that the code be
> viewed as a 'filter mechanism' to exclude those unable or unwilling
> to learn the code, is discriminatory".
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>

484. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5ln430$nmv@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2493
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc62fc$b010c160$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>Why would non-hams spend large amounts of time and energy developing
>stuff for hams to use if they weren't able to use it themselves???

Codeless techs can't use the technology they develop on the VHF+ bands?

>The purpose of ham radio, in the eyes of the regulators (and the reason we
>have bands to begin with) is primarily to encourage technical experimentation
>and self-training ...

You might want to re-read 97.1. Only 40% of 97.1 deals with technical
matters. 60% of 97.1 deals with communications-related issues.

>MD and others will disput this and try to play all sorts of word games to
>try to make it seem otherwise, but the technical and public service aspects
>of ham radio are ALL the regulators

Technical != public service. Knowing how to build a radio does >not< make
you an effective emergency traffic handler. These are two entirely
different skill sets. The latter is by far more important than the former,
even though you would never admit it. It only takes a few people to
design something technically, whereas it takes hundreds or thousands to
adopt it and use it efficiently. The interaction that public safety
officials will have with hams is strictly on the communications end --
how well they handle emergency traffic -- not on how well they can
build a radio.

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

485. Re: Future enforcement issues ... (was part of code/no-code)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc639c$3626ed20$1c90f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2494
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc6238$609fb060$76029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > Regardless of code/no-code, technical issues, or anything else, one
thing
> > that the ham community also needs to come to grips with is developing
> > some sort of way to actually see that the rules are enforced and that
the
> > sociopaths that do slip through the licensing process are eliminated
..
> >
> > Carl - wa6vse
> > wa6vse@fast.net
> >
> Right on the nose! I'll be willing to help this issue any way I can. We
> agree on something! Kinda scary! Just kidding, but we (all hams) do need
to
> come to some common ground on how to resolve these issues. The ARRL and
FCC
> are not going to do it. Its ultimately up to us. See! I'm not such a bad
> guy!
>
> K4XA
> Graham

IMHO, we need an act of Congress that would allow the FCC to
charge reasonable fees for ham licenses AND not have to dump those
fees into the federal general fund slush fund never to be seen again.
If the FCC could keep ham fees in a separate fund, dedicated to
ham enforcement, they could hire a few field engineers and put them
on the worst cases ... a few solid prosecutions with seizure of the
offending ham's equipment, some serious jail time, and heavy fines
and I'll bet a lot of the sociopaths would "get religion." Those who
didn't would percolate to the top of the list sooner or later and get
busted.

I would happily pay $100/year under these conditions ... now before
folks start bitching and whining about how "that's too much" consider
this. It's about the cost of two evenings out, consisting of dinner for
two with a drink or two for each person at a middle-of-the-road sort
of restaurant ... or a day at Disneyland (probably less than that) ...
or whatever ... my point is for a year it's cheap ...

Anone unwilling to support the service in this way doesn't deserve
to remain licensed, IMHO ... if they can't afford this, they can't afford

radios, etc. either ... so I would maintain that cheapskates should
either pay up or get out ...

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486. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc63a7$6985dcc0$1c90f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2495
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote in article
<5ln430$nmv@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
> In article <01bc62fc$b010c160$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
>
> >Why would non-hams spend large amounts of time and energy developing
> >stuff for hams to use if they weren't able to use it themselves???
>
> Codeless techs can't use the technology they develop on the VHF+ bands?

Codeless techs are systematically excluded from what even coded hams
readily admit is "mainstream ham radio" ... many refuse to participate at
all as "second-class citizens" relegated to the radio equivalent of "the back
of the bus."

> >The purpose of ham radio, in the eyes of the regulators (and the reason we
> >have bands to begin with) is primarily to encourage technical
experimentation
> >and self-training ...
>
> You might want to re-read 97.1. Only 40% of 97.1 deals with technical
> matters. 60% of 97.1 deals with communications-related issues.

You might want to see the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz and see
if you can borrow a brain ... your assertion is crap and you know it ...
you assume erroneously that every one of a set of sentences is of
equal imporance in the eyes of the regulators and carries equal weight.

Since your sig seems to emphasize the importance of firearms in your
personal lifestyle, I will try to explain this in terms which may actually
be capable of penetrating that thick skull of yours, Mike ...

Let's say that I have several guns ... ranging from a BB gun, to a .22, to a
30-06, to a Weatherby .458 magnum elephant gun, to a 75 mm recoilless
rifle ... would you consider them equally "important" in terms of the damage
I could do to you, were I to shoot you in the chest with each of them???

If I were to say "Mike, I'm going to shoot you with *one* of these guns, but
you get to choose which one," would you say "I don't care, it doesn't matter
to me, so you go ahead and use whichever one you like." ???

Just like the BB gun would do the least damage (and the larger caliber,
more powerful weapons would do more), the parts of 97.1 are NOT of equal
importance. To assert otherwise is like saying that the .458 magnum and
the BB gun would harm you equally ... ridiculous ...

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> >try to make it seem otherwise, but the technical and public service aspects
> >of ham radio are ALL the regulators
>
> Technical != public service. Knowing how to build a radio does >not< make
> you an effective emergency traffic handler. These are two entirely
> different skill sets.

I agree 100% with the assertion that "technical != public service" in the
most basic sense ... however, the blanket statement you make above is
not *entirely* all-encompassingly accurate in the following senses ...

1) it presumes that an "effective traffic handler" is one with a
well-practiced
set of manual skills that are "necessary to handle traffic effectively"
(this could include proficiency in typing messages into a digital message
transmission system on a keyboard, an alternative that would be far
faster and more effective than manual Morse)

2) it ignores the fact that one can build advanced communications systems
that can handle far more traffic far more effectively and accurately than Morse
and do so under conditions where Morse would be completely inoperative.
(IOW, the more advanced system is demonstrably better at meeting the
operational needs of the user)

3) it also ignores the fact that without the technical skill to build, install,
and maintain (or at a minimum install and maintain) systems capable of
meeting such needs, all the clerical skills associated with "being an
effective traffic handler" in the ancient sense to which you refer are USELESS.

4) Finally ... your definition of "public service" is rather narrow (but that's
understandable since it's been inherently constrained by the narrowness
of your mind) and ignores the fact that the goals of self-education, developing
a pool of "electronics experts", and adavncing the SOTA in radio communications
are *also* activities that can be demonstrated to have "public service" or
"public
interest" value ... IOW, the public in general benefits from such activities
..

> The latter is by far more important than the former,
> even though you would never admit it.

Of course I won't ... because your assertion is false ... you don't like or
want to be bothered with the technical side, so you seek to construct
a distorted world view where the importance of what you don't like is
artificially de-emphasized ... because that suits your agenda, not because
it's real.

> It only takes a few people to
> design something technically, whereas it takes hundreds or thousands to
> adopt it and use it efficiently.

The point that eludes you is that those hundreds/thousands need to have a
reasonable level of technical knowledge in order to be capable of adopting

and using it effectively ... otherwise, they're too ignorant to be able to install,
adjust, and operate it properly and effectively, and they may end up doing more harm than good ...

Just because you're the poster child *and* "Jerry Lewis" of technical ignorance
all rolled into one person doesn't mean it's a worthwhile cause Mike ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

487. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc63a9$80d38560$1c90f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2496
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com> wrote in article
<337DE81D.457A@ix.netcom.com>...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> >
> > The present exams do not assure that minimal necessary level of knowledge
> > and
> > skill, as witnessed by the know-nothings in our ranks ... some of whom are
> > extras and haven't a clue, even about such basic things as Ohm's Law and
> > how
> > to cut a diplole to resonance ... we cannot permit that sort of thing to
> > continue.
> >
> > Carl - wa6vse
> > wa6vse@ais.net
> >
> Hi, Carl.
>
> I believe you can attribute the lack of knowledge above to the question
> pool, which I advocate eliminating completely.
>
> Best regards,
> Lindsay Foster
> WA4ISZ

Lindsay,

I agree that the published question pool with exact asnwers is a BAD
idea and causes problems .... however, there are other, more insidious
problems ... the foremost of which IMHO is the existence of a mindset
(such as evidenced and promoted by MD and others, including the ARRL)
that de-emphasizes the importance and purpose of the technical side
in favor of beeping, competitive games, and the like ... this has had very
serious harmful effects on the ARS over the past several decades.

We need to reverse this trend and get back to what we're supposed to
be, not some perverted shadow of our past glory created in the minds
of some macho gamers ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

488. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc63af$3253a360$1c90f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2497
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Bob Miller <bmiller@calweb.com> wrote in article <337E874C.6C4A@calweb.com>...
> Cecil Moore wrote:
> > Look at it this way, Graham (-: Amateur radio is like a basketball team
that
> > won't allow anybody on the team who is over six feet tall - then wonders
why
> > they're a bunch of losers and get absolutely no respect.
> >
> > 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
> Wow! Cecil, your arguments amaze me. They are so connected to reality.
> Tsk What the hell has baseball and purely physical attributes got
> to do with CW and Ham Radio. Would a 4 1/2 foot tall basketball
> player make it in the NBA? A better analogy though since in this
> case physical attributes are a factor.
>
> Keep up the good fight.
>
> Bob, KE6F

Bob,

Cecil's analogy is right on ... the variation in ability to learn to copy Morse code amongst individuals and is a variable physiological attribute, just as is the variation in height ...

The fact that amateur radio seems intent on self-selecting against those with the very (technical) skills that it needs for its own future survival is indeed "like a basketball team that won't accept anyone over 6 feet tall, then wonders why they're a bunch of losers and get absolutely no respect."

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

489. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5lnba2$o2t@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2498
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <337B3E67.1674@ccm.ch.intel.com>,
Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote:

>Hi Graham, real answer. I work with a guy who designs the latest forms of
>communication technology and he is prevented from putting them on the air
>on the HF ham bands by the code test requirement and some other silly
>rules.

Yeah, and to think that in all this sillyness he could be working on
getting them on the VHF+ frequencies, where he has tens of megahertz of
spectrum available w/ no code test, but it "just so happens" that he
"needs" HF.

Yeah. Uh-huh. Right.

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

490. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <337FBD86.465B@delphi.com>
Source record: 2499
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
> Yeah, and to think that in all this sillyness he could be working on
> getting them on the VHF+ frequencies, where he has tens of megahertz of
> spectrum available w/ no code test, but it "just so happens" that he
> "needs" HF.

Hi Michael, he *has* indeed put them in operation on the microwave
frequencies. It is I, not he, who need him to put them on HF. He says,
"Why should I help you on HF designs when I'm not even allowed there?"
I don't have an answer to his question, do you?

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

491. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: Robert Gross <robtgross@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <337F3D62.18D8@worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2500
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

The fact that you hams keep this discussion about CW going day in and day out just proves that CW = Continuous Waste.

492. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc63b7$619a5300$32029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2501
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
<337B4083.3AB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
> Graham wrote:
> > I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you
say,
> > but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure.
>
> Hi Graham, it's not always obvious, but I'll bet we agree on 99.98% of
> the things in this world. I'll bet we're both against smallpox.
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

Now THATS funny! And I would bet your correct. BTW, how do you feel about
smallpox testing? Just kidding, couldn't resist!

K4XA
Graham

493. Re: Info needed on 25/29 Ghz propagation

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: barryoXX@fastlink.com.au
Message-ID: <337f06cb.8438639@news.fastlink.com.au>
Source record: 2502
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,nl.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.space

bart@es.co.nz (Bart Kindt) wrote:

:Hi all,
:
:I am trying to find any information on the propagation and behavior of QPSK
:transmisions in the 25 to 29 Ghz band.

Here's the drum. The signal goes out until it contacts a solid object
then it stops. If it encounters a partialy solid object it is attenuated.

Range at that frequency for a practical amateur aplication would be
around 100 metres.

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To reply via email please remove the XX from my
return address.

494. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: myers@West.Sun.COM
Message-ID: <5lnkgm$efp@newsworthy.West.Sun.COM>
Source record: 2503
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc63b7$619a5300$32029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>,
Graham <not@public.com> wrote:
>Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
><337B4083.3AB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
>> Graham wrote:
>> > I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you
>say,
>> > but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure.
>>
>> Hi Graham, it's not always obvious, but I'll bet we agree on 99.98% of
>> the things in this world. I'll bet we're both against smallpox.
>>
>> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>
>Now THATS funny! And I would bet your correct. BTW, how do you feel about
>smallpox testing? Just kidding, couldn't resist!

Cecil is actually one of the nicest folks I've ever broken bread (or
spicy Thai food) with. I suspect Cecil and I would agree that smallpox
testing has a much actual relevance to amateur radio today as the
Morse exams, too.

;-)

Dana

(Please note the Followup-To: line)
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* Dana H. Myers K6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are mine and should *
* (310) 348-6043 | not be interpreted or represented as *
* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | those of Sun Microsystems, Inc. *

495. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc63e9$97dffd20$0e95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2504
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc63b7$619a5300$32029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
> <337B4083.3AB2@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
> > Graham wrote:
> > > I have to say kudos to you on this one! I may not agree with allot you
> say,
> > > but you are correct when it comes to proper operating procedure.
> >
> > Hi Graham, it's not always obvious, but I'll bet we agree on 99.98% of
> > the things in this world. I'll bet we're both against smallpox.
> >
> > 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>
> Now THATS funny! And I would bet your correct. BTW, how do you feel about
> smallpox testing? Just kidding, couldn't resist!

Or more to the point ... how would you feel if you had to pass a
smallpox test to get a ham license ... it would be about as relevant
as a Morse test ... <grin>

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

496. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ed Hare, W1RFI" <ehare@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <5lpn3t$sdl@mgate.arrl.org>
Source record: 2505
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>Nowhere in Part 97 does it say jack about games, contests, etc.
>that's ALL a perversion of ham radio that was dreampt up by the ARRL
>.. they have COMPLETELY devalued and deemphasized what ham radio is
>*supposed* to be ...

Contests have existed long before ARRL decided to support those who play that game. Why, there are even a few not sponsored by the Leauge. :-)

Be careful of extremes. I think some of the work ARRL has done promoting public service falls a bit outside the scope of rather strongly emphasized "COMPLETELY."

73 from ARRL HQ,
Ed Hare, W1RFI

497. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5lq1ad$3k6@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2506
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <01bc63e9$97dffd20$0e95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>
>Or more to the point ... how would you feel if you had to pass a
>smallpox test to get a ham license ... it would be about as relevant
>as a Morse test ... <grin>

I wasn't aware that 40% of the amateurs in the US had contact with
smallpox on a regular basis when on HF....

MD
--
-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

498. Re: Future enforcement issues ... (was part of code/no-code)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <338caa8b.4322217@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2507
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>IMHO, we need an act of Congress that would allow the FCC to
>charge reasonable fees for ham licenses AND not have to dump those
>fees into the federal general fund slush fund never to be seen again.

That's not going to happen.

>I would happily pay $100/year under these conditions ... now before
>folks start bitching and whining about how "that's too much" consider
>this. It's about the cost of two evenings out, consisting of dinner for
>two with a drink or two for each person at a middle-of-the-road sort
>of restaurant ... or a day at Disneyland (probably less than that) ...
>or whatever ... my point is for a year it's cheap ...

>Anone unwilling to support the service in this way doesn't deserve
>to remain licensed, IMHO ... if they can't afford this, they can't afford
>radios, etc. either ... so I would maintain that cheapskates should
>either pay up or get out ...

Ha! If you think a Morse test keeps people out of the hobby, what
effect do you think THIS little gem would have?
--
glenq@cyberhighway.net
WB7DOW @ KB7CFD.ID.USA.NOAM

499. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3380D0C8.632@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2508
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Glen Quarnstrom wrote:
> Sure. Lots of folks work on the space program, for instance, and have
> no chance of getting into space.

Lame Glen, really lame. We are talking about a hobby, not a career. Repeat after me: career = income, hobby = fun. Lots of people have a job that's no fun. Only a masochist would have a hobby that's no fun. Do you have a hobby that's no fun? Why do you want someone else to have a hobby that's no fun?

> It's merely a matter of a few weeks
> or months of practice and most anyone can get on HF.

Or "merely" years and years of failure to get to 13wpm. Then the indignity of a medical waiver when there's absolutely nothing wrong with the person. IMO, Just another form of hazing/discrimination to make some inferior folk feel superior to someone who is, in reality, superior to them in all ways except wetware modeming. IMO, one way to achieve superiority is to tear the other person down and that's exactly what the CW testing requirement does.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

500. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc64aa$5edb9cc0$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2509
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> > Maybe a quote from the President and Board of Directors of the Radio
> > Amateurs of Canada, Inc. would help: "To suggest that the code be
> > viewed as a 'filter mechanism' to exclude those unable or unwilling
> > to learn the code, is discriminatory".

Again, I would like to point out the flaws in this statement.

1) Anyone UNWILLING to learn code IS NOT being discriminated against. They have CHOSEN not to participate.

2) There is a system in place to grant a waiver to anyone UNABLE to learn code for some medical or physical reason.

Therefore: Neither of the above mentioned cases can be in any way defined as discrimination. The Canadians are wrong.

K4XA
Graham

501. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3381394D.C36@delphi.com>
Source record: 2510
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
> In many respects, his answer sounds awfully selfish.

So would you rather he be selfless? That's what you are asking of him.
He sounds awfully homo sapien-ish to me. He doesn't have an altruistic
bone in his body - that's one reason I like him. For the record, just
what altruistic, unselfish action have you performed, Mr. Hyde? Har-har

> Second, he can reap benefits, by operating under your license, with
> certain restrictions.

Just between you and me, Michael, he wouldn't stoop so low. I can't
repeat his response to your suggestion.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

502. Re: CW Code Re-testing Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <33813731.3063@delphi.com>
Source record: 2511
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Michael P. Deignan wrote:
> I wasn't aware ...

Yup, that's the whole problem. :-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

503. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5lr5n7$8v2@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2512
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> writes:

>> > Yeah, and to think that in all this sillyness he could be working on
>> > getting them on the VHF+ frequencies, where he has tens of megahertz of
>> > spectrum available w/ no code test, but it "just so happens" that he
>> > "needs" HF.
>
> Hi Michael, he *has* indeed put them in operation on the microwave
> frequencies. It is I, not he, who need him to put them on HF. He says,
> "Why should I help you on HF designs when I'm not even allowed there?"
> I don't have an answer to his question, do you?

Sure... First, he's helping >you<, isn't he? If I help a friend work
on a project, I don't necessarily expect reap benefits (i.e. if I help
a friend work on his car, I don't expect to drive it.) In many respects,
his answer sounds awfully selfish.

Second, he can reap benefits, by operating under your license, with
certain restrictions.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
--
-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

504. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <3394c6df.11576006@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2513
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote:

>Michael P. Deignan wrote:
>> Yeah, and to think that in all this sillyness he could be working on
>> getting them on the VHF+ frequencies, where he has tens of megahertz of
>> spectrum available w/ no code test, but it "just so happens" that he
>> "needs" HF.
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>Hi Michael, he *has* indeed put them in operation on the microwave
>frequencies. It is I, not he, who need him to put them on HF. He says,
>"Why should I help you on HF designs when I'm not even allowed there?"
>I don't have an answer to his question, do you?

Sure. Lots of folks work on the space program, for instance, and have
no chance of getting into space. It's merely a matter of a few weeks
or months of practice and most anyone can get on HF.
--
glenq@cyberhighway.net
WB7DOW @ KB7CFD.ID.USA.NOAM

505. Updated Repeater Guide?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: KE6KXS <samhain@sonic.net>
Message-ID: <3380DA3D.3B5D@sonic.net>
Source record: 2514
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner

looking for an updated repeater guide (ARRL 97-98 guide is pretty useless). especially for the San Francisco Bay Area. post here or via e-mail, whatever's convenient. thanks!

KF6KXS
samhain@sonic.net

506. Discrimination

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc64aa$96166800$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2515
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

T.L.Bryant <tbryant@cannet.com> wrote in article
<5llmf1$hfq@dolphin.cannet.com>...
> Also remember this: "discriminate" and "chose" are synonyms. Although the

> former has merited a negative connotation in its meaning.
>
> Tom - N8ECW
>

You are correct sir.

K4XA
Graham

507. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc64ab$4fb6da60$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2516
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc62fc$b010c160$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
> OK, Graham ... I withdraw the sarcasm at the end of my previous post WRT
> the well and the welder's goggles ... you're man enough to admit that you
> were wrong in your approach at first (and that approach is what pissed me
off
> towards you) and I have to give you credit for taking a better, more
open-minded
> tack ...
>
> OK?
>
> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net

Good deal Carl!

Hey, I thought the "invention" of Amateur Radio also had something to do
with providing emergency communications (I.E. field day ect.) What is the
"official" reading on this?

K4XA
Graham

508. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc64ab$a7f27040$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2517
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

> But if he really understood and took the time to get into world
literature
> he would come to love it (and then try to force it on everybody else).
:-)
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

No way man! I wouldn't force that on people I DIDN'T like. BTW, I did make
a B+ in the class.

K4XA
Graham

509. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <3382115E.3046@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Source record: 2424
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Yin Lung Shih wrote:
> This is even more asinine in that it
> is possible that the technique involves some RF engineering that
> Cecil, the logic designer, might have to struggle to understand
> (sorry Cecil, just trying to make a point :-))!

Ouch - I got the point and I resemble that remark. Actually, it's no
struggle at all. If it ain't a one or a zero, it ain't my problem.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

510. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6567$60236320$70029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2425
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

SCO <sco@sco-inc.com> wrote in article
<33810d34.1970626@news.mindspring.com>...

> Ok then explain to me why I MUST pass a 20 wpm code test in order to
> operate SSB [or other data computer modes] in the HF bands as an Extra
> Class ham? [I am a Tech Plus who has now passed my Extra Class
> written exam.]

Because at this point in time, the 20 wpm test is the other requirement
necessary to achieve the goal. Its that simple. Someday things may be
different, but not today. Congratulations on your Extra written!

K4XA
Graham

511. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6574$574b5de0$f090f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2426
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Glen Quarnstrom <glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net> wrote in article
<339527e3.14471966@news.cyberhighway.net>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
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> >Your lame comparisons aren't worth the bandwidth ... you must have
> >studied under Mike ...
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> Ah, insults -- the stock refuge of those who have no logical
> arguments.

Read what you said again, Glen ... the comparison to the space program
IS lame ...

> The really sad thing is that I generally support the
> elimination or relaxation of the CW requirements, but attitudes such
> as yours make it extremely difficult to defend that position. I've
> sat here and watched you insult poster after poster, and just shook my
> head. You have enough intelligence and literacy to make your points
> without resorting to insults. What's to be gained by turning this
> into a flame war?

I'm glad you favor modernization, Glen, I really am ... it's just that
I'm so DAMNED tired of all the lame excuses for maintaining something
that's nothing more than a quasi-religious fraternity hazing ritual that
when I see another ridiculous comparison/excuse it sometimes sets
me off ...

> This CW argument has been raging for a couple of decades, at least,
> and all the rational arguments on both sides have long since been
> exhausted. All I see now is boring replays of the same silly crap
> from both sides, complete with personal insults and invective, of
> course.
>
> And then we wonder why hams have such a bad name, and why the hobby is
> dying on the vine. Your attitude is part of the problem, Carl, not

> part of the solution.

The attitude is a result of nearly 25 years of putting up with this code crap ... and the lousy attitudes of the "superior" hams who beep. Sorry for taking it out on you ... I've just sort of reached the "mad as hell and not going to take it any more" point ...

Carl - wa6vse
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512. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
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Glen Quarnstrom <glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net> wrote in article
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> There's nothing lame about it. It's a valid point in refuting your
> claim. If a person enjoys designing radio projects, it's unlikely
> that lack of direct access to the HF bands will prevent that
> enjoyment.

If the person's interest is in designing equipment, modulation and
coding techniques, and protocols to combat the channel impairments
of the HF channel, access to that channel is ESSENTIAL for testing,
experimentation, and characterizing the behavior of a system. There
is no other way, short of a full-blown hardware channel simulator, which
would cost a minimum of tens of thousands of dollars to build and take
a tremendous effort to test, calibrate, and validate ...

> >> It's merely a matter of a few weeks
> >> or months of practice and most anyone can get on HF.
> >
> >Or "merely" years and years of failure to get to 13wpm. Then the indignity
>
> Such cases, while they probably do exist, are so rare as to be
> statistically irrelevant to the discussion of Morse testing.

How do you know that? Do you have detailed statistics on how many
people have tried and failed over the decades? The existing community's
experience is self-selected for those with inherent Morse talent/ability.

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Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
<3381394D.C36@delphi.com>...
> Michael P. Deignan wrote:
> > In many respects, his answer sounds awfully selfish.
>
> So would you rather he be selfless? That's what you are asking of him.
> He sounds awfully homo sapien-ish to me. He doesn't have an altruistic
> bone in his body - that's one reason I like him. For the record, just
> what altruistic, unselfish action have you performed, Mr. Hyde? Har-har
>
> > Second, he can reap benefits, by operating under your license, with
> > certain restrictions.
>
> Just between you and me, Michael, he wouldn't stoop so low. I can't
> repeat his response to your suggestion.

Sure you can Cecil, you're not on the air here ... come on, please
repeat it, please ... <grin>

Carl - wa6vse
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514. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: ylshih@alumnae.caltech.edu
Message-ID: <5lt2u9$8fl@gap.cco.caltech.edu>
Source record: 2429
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In article <5lr5n7$8v2@anomaly.ideamation.com>,
Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote:
>Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> writes:
>> Hi Michael, he *has* indeed put them in operation on the microwave
>> frequencies. It is I, not he, who need him to put them on HF. He says,
>> "Why should I help you on HF designs when I'm not even allowed there?"
>> I don't have an answer to his question, do you?
>
>Sure... First, he's helping >you<, isn't he? If I help a friend work
>on a project, I don't necessarily expect reap benefits (i.e. if I help
>a friend work on his car, I don't expect to drive it.) In many respects,
>his answer sounds awfully selfish.

So? What is wrong with selfish? It is an avocation and anyone who
chooses such an activity for their spare time that is not doing so
for both personal benefit (enjoyment, relaxation, and utility) *and*
self-satisfaction (through contributing in a meaningful way) has
psychological problems.

You also have a really poor idea of how technical development is done
and how long it takes; particularly with people who are doing it on
their own time. Think of these factors, multiple design iterations,
late midnight sessions, spur of the moment ideas and inspirations, tweak
and re-tweak opeating parameters, operations under varying conditions
to confirm robustness, etc, etc. This doesn't happen in one weekend
session; this takes weeks or months, even sometimes years, of repeated
activity. There is no good reason why a person who is competent to
perform these operations should have to go on a continuing basis to
Cecil for to act as control operator or just deliver it to Cecil and
then go away without any further benefit.

Also, no matter how much he considers Cecil a friend, and vice versa,
no good friend asks another friend to do something for weeks and
months at a time that doesn't also help that other friend in some
way also. Your friend might help work on your car some weekend, but
would you ask him to help you on a complete car restoration from the
ground up without establishing *any* understanding of mutual benefit?

>Second, he can reap benefits, by operating under your license, with
>certain restrictions.

That you could expect someone to be capable and willing to develop a
new design or technique, and then require him to go to someone else
for permission and supervision *every* time they feel an urge to use
it is ridiculous and asinine. This is even more asinine in that it

is possible that the technique involves some RF engineering that Cecil, the logic designer, might have to struggle to understand (sorry Cecil, just trying to make a point :-))! This is a strawman set up by you to let you write this off with an easy conscience. The fact is that no rational person would operate under these conditions and there is no good reason for him to have to do so.

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ylshih@alumni.caltech.edu

515. F.S. Midland 6 meter mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <864182966.21705@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2430
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

For Sale: 1-Midland commercial mobile with remote head. 100 watts, 80 channel eeprom memory (preprogrammed with amateur frequencies, list included), 3 scan options. Includes microphone, mounting brackets and Midland speaker. In very good condition, asking $235.00 and I will ship anywhere in the lower 48.

Chris M.
kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
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516. F.S. MFJ antenna tuner

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <864183180.21844@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2431
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

For Sale: 1-MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II (model 948). Unit in very good condition and includes manual. Asking $75.00 and I will ship anywhere in the lower 48.

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517. Icom service manual wanted

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <864183338.21905@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2432
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

Need a service manual for the Icom 551D (all mode 6 meter rig).
Thanks for your time.

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518. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <339226e3.14216095@news.cyberhighway.net>
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>of a medical waiver when there's absolutely nothing wrong with the person.
>IMO, Just another form of hazing/discrimination to make some inferior folk
>feel superior to someone who is, in reality, superior to them in all ways
>except wetware modeming. IMO, one way to achieve superiority is to tear the
>other person down and that's exactly what the CW testing requirement does.

All this insulting and exaggeration isn't doing the no-code defenders
any more good than similar behavior does for the pro-coders.

The fact of the matter is that the CW requirements are mostly a red
herring, detracting us from the REAL problems facing ham radio. If
you eliminated ALL code requirements tomorrow, ham radio would have a
nice little temporary increase in its ranks, and then fall back into
the same old no/slow growth pattern we had now. This is exactly what
happened when the no-code Tech began. That change was going to save
ham radio, and attract all sorts of tech types into the hobby. Well,
it did attract a few of them, but mostly what it got was families who
want to keep in touch with each other on two meters. Not a thing
wrong with that, but there are increasing numbers of other options for
that group.
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glenq@cyberhighway.net
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519. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <339527e3.14471966@news.cyberhighway.net>
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"Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

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Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <3382891B.622F@delphi.com>
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Glen Quarnstrom wrote:
> There's nothing lame about it. It's a valid point in refuting your
> claim.

Glen, if you really believe that, I feel sorry that you are so out of touch with reality. The great majority of people love their hobbies. The great majority of people do not love their jobs and some hate them. (IMHO, you don't believe it at all and just lacked anything rational with which to respond).

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

521. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com>
Message-ID: <338289FF.32AB@delphi.com>
Source record: 2436
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The Tie-Dyed Side of the Force wrote:
> How would you like to have only a fraction of a second to do each of the
> calculations in a (randomized) written test?

... while hanging upside down writing with your toes? Some otherwise
super qualified people find Morse code just that difficult, if not
impossible.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

522. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: sco@sco-inc.com
Message-ID: <33810d34.1970626@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2437
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>>The pro-coders can't answer that. That's why they have to resort to whining
>>Hiram Percy Maxim by a
>
>Typical anti-code "welfare state" rhetoric.
>
>CW remains a requirement because the mode of operation is one of the
>most popular on HF, surpassed only by SSB, and we don't have a SSB test
>because the FCC assumes most people know how to push a button and speak
>into a microphone.

Ok then explain to me why I MUST pass a 20 wpm code test in order to operate SSB [or other data computer modes] in the HF bands as an Extra Class ham? [I am a Tech Plus who has now passed my Extra Class written exam.]

If you can not answer that question with a logical answer than i fully expect cw testing (for hams) to be removed by the ITU in 1999.

KE4IKT

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Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote in article
<337C9771.70D5@ccm.ch.intel.com>...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "entry-level" and "standard" (names are not important and subject to
> > change)
>
> In that case, let's name them the "slave" and the "master" licenses. :-)
>
> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC
>

No Cecil ... I believe that many beepers (note I said "many" Hans,
not "all") would prefer to retain the terminology that they currently
associate with no-code techs and coded hams ... that would be
"sub-human scum" and "lords high exalted rulers of the realm" ...

I know *you* were joking, but that view is all to common and we
need to stamp it out ...

73,
Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

524. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc64ab$4fb6da60$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Good deal Carl!
>
> Hey, I thought the "invention" of Amateur Radio also had something to do
> with providing emergency communications (I.E. field day ect.) What is the
> "official" reading on this?

I have no idea on what's "official" ... but I think field day, SET, etc.
are some of the possible practice opportunities for operating under
emergency power, with pre-prepared gear, and simulating some form
of emergency exercise. Field day is more of a contest/game and
doesn't have any value as a practice exercise beyond setting up
temporary antenna systems, generators, etc. but even that has
some value.

The Morse position at the field day site may rack up a lot
of contest points (I believe it gets a handicap to boost its
score) but it has virtually no relation to any real-life emergency
operation ... it's just another CW contest for the gamers ...

In summary, yes, emergency communications is supposed
to be a big part of ham radio .. but Morse has nothing to do
with it in the real world and the contest-like aspects of field
day have little relation to emergency communications either.

We should practice, practice more, and practice more realisticly
for emergency communications ...

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Cecil ... the stock answer to the question seems to go something
like "those stinking no-coder, technical types should be GLAD to
grovel at the feet of "higher class" beeping hams and hand over all
the technical stuff they've developed so the "higher class" beeping
hams can use it, too" (oh ... I almost forgot, "they should also install
it and maintain it for the benefit of the "higher class" beeping hams,
since they can't do it themselves 'cause they were too busy learning
to beep to learn how to do that technical stuff themselves ...")

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Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc64aa$5edb9cc0$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > > Maybe a quote from the President and Board of Directors of the Radio
> > > Amateurs of Canada, Inc. would help: "To suggest that the code be
> > > viewed as a 'filter mechanism' to exclude those unable or unwilling
> > > to learn the code, is discriminatory".
>
> Again, I would like to point out the flaws in this statement.
>
> 1) Anyone UNWILLING to learn code IS NOT being discriminated against. They
> have CHOSEN not to participate.
>
> 2) There is a system in place to grant a waiver to anyone UNABLE to learn
> code for some medical or physical reason.
>
> Therefore: Neither of the above mentioned cases can be in any way defined
> as discrimination. The Canadians are wrong.

No, Graham, the Canadians are dead bang right ...

Arbitrary "filter mechanisms to exclude" (anyone for anything that's
not truly relevant and mandatory) are discriminatory and should NOT
be part of government-mandated licensing schemes.

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Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
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Michael P. Deignan <kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam> wrote in article
<5lq1ad$3k6@anomaly.ideamation.com>...
> In article <01bc63e9$97dffd20$0e95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
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> >
> >Or more to the point ... how would you feel if you had to pass a
> >smallpox test to get a ham license ... it would be about as relevant
> >as a Morse test ... <grin>
>
> I wasn't aware that 40% of the amateurs in the US had contact with
> smallpox on a regular basis when on HF....

Well, Mike, *you're* there and that's worse ... I'd rather come in
contact with the smallpox than you ... smallpox is more sociable
(and more intelligent, I'll bet ...)

Carl - wa6vse
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529. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu
Message-ID: <5lsm06$h8u@news.service.uci.edu>
Source record: 2522
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In article <01bc64aa$5edb9cc0$77029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>,
Graham <not@public.com> wrote:
>> > Maybe a quote from the President and Board of Directors of the Radio
>> > Amateurs of Canada, Inc. would help: "To suggest that the code be
>> > viewed as a 'filter mechanism' to exclude those unable or unwilling
>> > to learn the code, is discriminatory".

>Again, I would like to point out the flaws in this statement.

>1) Anyone UNWILLING to learn code IS NOT being discriminated against. They
>have CHOSEN not to participate.

I might have to agree, that the reasons given here may be poor, but it
does not deny the fact that code testing is discriminatory.

From the 10th Edition of the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary:
discriminate: distinction, to distinguish between ~ 1a: to mark of perceive
the distinguishing or peculiar features of 1b: distinguish, differentiate
~ 2: to distinguish by discerning or exposing differences; to distinguish
from another like object ~ vi 1a: to make a distinction ~ 1b: to use good
judgment [??] ~
[****]2: to make a difference in treatment or favor on a basis other than
individual merit[****]

I believe the last definition has the most relavence here, and it is
precisely the issue. It is the "merit" of the code tests to determine
operator qualifications which is in dispute. It is the existance of the
current requirement (that all applicants must memorize and become
proficient in one particular popular encoding scheme), and it's
relationship to, or more specifically the lack thereto, an licensee's
ability to operate a radio transmitter on the amateur bands in compliance
with national and international regulations which is in question.

To require and reward this particular type of manual proficiency, which is
not a required mode of operation, does not demonstrate an operator's skill
and knowlege to otherwise operate amateur radio transmitting apparatus,
and does not demonstrate an operator's knowlege of the underlying radio
principles or pertinent regulations, is indeed treatment or favor on a
basis other than individual merit. Governments should stay our of the
business of awarding brownie points for extracurricular activities.

>Therefore: Neither of the above mentioned cases can be in any way defined
>as discrimination. The Canadians are wrong.

>K4XA
>Graham

The good gentleman from 4 land is wrong. There are many good reasons to learn code and operate CW. But none of them are persuasive as a requirement. Overall, the Canadian stance is well reasoned and will find general support at the ITU.

A question was asked recently about what sort of test might replace the code exam (Bob Wexelbaum, I think). My view is the tests already exist. But it can be argued that supplementing the content of those written exams would be appropriate in such an eventuality. Gary (also in 4 land) has made an excellent suggestion in my view, with regard to practical problem solving on the written tests. I would like to see that implemented (so I could work the problems) :-). Perhaps Gary would like to provide us with an example of one, if only to tantalize?

In addition, merging some or all of 4A with 3B, and adding 5 written questions regarding the Morse characters would be a more than adequate requirement for HF privileges. Hardly a "dumbing down". The technical "level" of the questions in the written exams thru Extra is appropriate for amateur radio. The scope of the material could be increased to be somewhat more comprehensive and inclusive. That's a lot of work to pile on the VEC's. However, I think they have demonstrated they are more than up to the task.

73 from AC6XG, Jim

530. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6592$950cb5c0$66029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc6575$9ba9b260$f090f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...

> How do you know that? Do you have detailed statistics on how many
> people have tried and failed over the decades? The existing community's
> experience is self-selected for those with inherent Morse talent/ability.
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> Carl - wa6vse
> wa6vse@fast.net

Hi Carl,

This is where we differ. I think that anyone can learn code, just as you think anyone can learn theory. You have stated many times that its just a simple encryption of the alphabet. So, why can't someone as intelligent as an EE's (no sarcasm intended, I sure can't do what they do) learn this simple encryption to advance within their chosen hobby? This is the fundamental difference in our opinions. I do agree a good first step to resolution would be to drop the worthless "question pool" and replace it with valid theory testing. But as long as code remains as widely used as it is today, I can't see just dropping it. Yes, I do have an Extra class but I don't for one second think that it in any way gives me, or any one else that has one, some kind of "status". Its just the next license up from where I was and "because it was there" I got it. A ham is a ham. From Novice to Extra class, were all the same. The idea that dropping the code test will cause a massive influx into the hobby was disproved with the no-code tech license. We got some good people, but it was not the flood that the no-code side predicted and we still have slow growth. So I guess what needs to happen is some REAL debate over what we should to resolve the problem of slow growth. Fighting among ourselves sure won't do it. I'm trying from my end. I'm a VE and teach code and theory classes when I can. I'm open to NEW ideas gang! Lets start kicking some ideas around instead of each other. What do you say?

73,
K4XA
Graham

531. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5lttis$8bs@masters0.InterNex.Net>
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It isn't a question of learning the code for most people (though it may be for some). It is a question of being able to develop FAST ENOUGH conditioned reflexes and FAST ENOUGH handwriting to copy at the required speed.

How would you like to have only a fraction of a second to do each of the calculations in a (randomized) written test?

Andy Nourse - KC1IP

532. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam
Message-ID: <5ltvku$eev@anomaly.ideamation.com>
Source record: 2442
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In article <5lsm06$h8u@news.service.uci.edu>,
James W. KELLEY <jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu> wrote:

>I believe the last definition has the most relavence here, and it is
>precisely the issue.

According to the definition you posted, theory exams are discriminatory.

MD
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-- Ted Kennedy has killed more people with his car than I have
-- with my guns.
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-- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

533. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: jcraig@morgan.ucs.mun.ca
Message-ID: <5lv901$60t@coranto.ucs.mun.ca>
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Michael P. Deignan (kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam) wrote:
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: >precisely the issue.

: According to the definition you posted, theory exams are discriminatory.

In the FASC report, it also recommends exams 'that reflect a
basic knowledge of all modes, operating practices and operational ethics.'
No mention of theory at all.

Apparently, the RAC FASC saw no need for either theory or CW testing.
Incidently, the FASC report was accepted by the RAC executive. RAC did not
claim that this report and its acceptance were sanctioned by Canadian amateurs.

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: -- with my guns.
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: -- If you don't like my opinions, that's just too damn bad.

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73 Joe VO1NA

534. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <339258e4.10653878@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2444
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>Glen Quarnstrom <glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net> wrote in article
><339226e3.14216095@news.cyberhighway.net>...

>> >Or "merely" years and years of failure to get to 13wpm. Then the indignity
>>
>> Such cases, while they probably do exist, are so rare as to be
>> statistically irrelevant to the discussion of Morse testing.
>
>How do you know that? Do you have detailed statistics on how many

How do you know it isn't? Do YOU have any such stats? A gratuitous
claim can be refuted by an equally gratuitous rebuttal. It's up to
the original party to show that a significant number of people cannot
pass a code test after "years of failure." Besides, for the purposes
of this silly argument, a 5WPM test is sufficient, and I maintain that
is a relatively trivial task.

I have plenty of anecdotal evidence of people who have overcome
serious handicaps to get a ham license, even back in the days when
there were no legitimate no-code hams, and passing the CW tests was
far more difficult than it is nowadays. Code is hard for most people.
It was hard for me. For some it's harder. Same with the theory test.
You either deal with it, or you do something else. Whining won't help
a bit.

>people have tried and failed over the decades? The existing community's
>experience is self-selected for those with inherent Morse talent/ability.

That's baloney. I have no "inherent Morse talent/ability," and yet I
have an Extra Class ticket. I didn't need the privileges. I just did
it for the same reason people climb mountains; "because it was there."
Most of the hams I know never use code. Many of them have no-code
tickets. Quite a few others cheated on the tests and couldn't send
their own call in CW. I see no evidence that your statement is valid,
particularly in recent years. Back when CW was the major method of
ham comms, then it may have been true.
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535. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <33945a47.11008047@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2445
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Cecil A. Moore" <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote:

>Glen Quarnstrom wrote:
>> There's nothing lame about it. It's a valid point in refuting your
>> claim.
>
>Glen, if you really believe that, I feel sorry that you are so out of
>touch with reality. The great majority of people love their hobbies.

More insults. Do you have a point, or don't you?

>The great majority of people do not love their jobs and some hate them.

And your evidence for this is...?

>(IMHO, you don't believe it at all and just lacked anything rational
>with which to respond).

I could expand on this issue, but I don't see any reason to. If you
couldn't see the point from my admittedly poorly chosen analogy, it's
unlikely you'd see it no matter how much I clarified it.
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536. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <338644f0.5544342@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2446
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"Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>Glen Quarnstrom <glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net> wrote in article
><339527e3.14471966@news.cyberhighway.net>...
>> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:
>>
>> >Glen Quarnstrom <glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net> wrote in article
>> >> Sure. Lots of folks work on the space program, for instance, and have
>> >> no chance of getting into space. It's merely a matter of a few weeks
>> >> or months of practice and most anyone can get on HF.
>> >
>> >Still haven't found a "clue rental" place, huh, Glen ... here's a freebie:
>> >Those thousands of folks who work on the space program do it for
>> >money ... that's how they earn their living ...
>> >
>> >Your lame comparisons aren't worth the bandwidth ... you must have
>> >studied under Mike ...
>>
>> Ah, insults -- the stock refuge of those who have no logical
>> arguments.
>
>Read what you said again, Glen ... the comparison to the space program
>*IS* lame ...

No, it isn't. It's not the best analogy I could have chosen, but the
point is still valid. I notice you don't try to defend the REAL
insults in your post, however. I refer to the comments about "clue
rental" and a comparison to another poster which gives you a nice "two
insults for the price of one."

>> The really sad thing is that I generally support the
>> elimination or relaxation of the CW requirements, but attitudes such
>> as yours make it extremely difficult to defend that position. I've
>> sat here and watched you insult poster after poster, and just shook my
>> head. You have enough intelligence and literacy to make your points
>> without resorting to insults. What's to be gained by turning this
>> into a flame war?

>I'm glad you favor modernization, Glen, I really am ... it's just that
>I'm so DAMNED tired of all the lame excuses for maintaining something
>that's nothing more than a quasi-religious fraternity hazing ritual that
>when I see another ridiculous comparison/excuse it sometimes sets
>me off ...

And I'm equally tired of the lame arguments and insults of the no-code crowd, not to mention the mind-numbing pointless redundancy of the whole religious war between pro-code and no-code advocates.

>> And then we wonder why hams have such a bad name, and why the hobby is
>> dying on the vine. Your attitude is part of the problem, Carl, not
>> part of the solution.
>
>The attitude is a result of nearly 25 years of putting up with this code
>crap ... and the lousy attitudes of the "superior" hams who beep. Sorry

The attitudes of one side are no better or worse than the attitudes on the other. Also, it's a mistake to categorize the attitude of everyone involved by the excesses of a few vocal advocates.

>for taking it out on you ... I've just sort of reached the "mad as hell and
>not going to take it any more" point ...

Oh, I see. And so jumping down the throats of potential allies and possibly antagonizing neutral lurkers is somehow going to help your cause? I fail to see how your tactics are doing your case any good whatsoever.
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537. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: glenq@NOSPAMcyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <33894c25.7389642@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2447
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Graham" <not@public.com> wrote:

>Novice to Extra class, were all the same. The idea that dropping the code
>test will cause a massive influx into the hobby was disproved with the
>no-code tech license. We got some good people, but it was not the flood
>that the no-code side predicted and we still have slow growth. So I guess

Concurrence.

>what needs to happen is some REAL debate over what we should to resolve the
>problem of slow growth. Fighting among ourselves sure won't do it. I'm
>trying from my end. I'm a VE and teach code and theory classes when I can.
>I'm open to NEW ideas gang! Lets start kicking some ideas around instead of
>each other. What do you say?
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>73,
>K4XA
>Graham

Sounds good to me, Graham. Anything's better than continuing the
endless, boring debate/whinefest/flamewar over code testing.
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From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc663b$d6a3e4a0$43029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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> How would you like to have only a fraction of a second to do each of the
> calculations in a (randomized) written test?
>
> Andy Nourse - KC1IP

Apples and oranges, Andy. But just to have a new idea out in cyber-ham
land, what if the speed required was lowered?

Graham
K4XA

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From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc663d$a4c5dcc0$43029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
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Cecil A. Moore <cecilmoore@delphi.com> wrote in article
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> impossible.
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> 73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

And some of us found the theory side just as hard. I am one of those people. I could have just memorized questions and answers, but to me thats worthless. This is also why I'm in favor of dumping the "question pool" and giving real theory exams. However, I worked hard on something that I was slow to understand and did not enjoy. Not to say the 20 WPM was easy! I just did not have to work as hard on that because I used it almost every day. Thats what it takes. The reward was my Extra ticket. I'm sorry Cecil, I just don't buy this argument. I have seen too many people do it to believe that its that big an obstacle to overcome. Also, how would you feel about a reduction in the speed required at different levels? Just trying new ideas out. What do you think?

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Date: 1997-05-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-ID: <33838962.6CF4@ccm.ch.intel.com>
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Graham wrote:
> Also, how would you feel about a reduction in the speed required at
> different levels? Just trying new ideas out. What do you think?

Well, since I can copy 15wpm with no sweat, I suggest 10wpm for general
and 15wpm for extra. ;-)

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

541. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

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Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6648$1a860340$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
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> believe that its that big an obstacle to overcome. Also, how would you feel
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> new ideas out. What do you think?

Graham ... as I said in my pervious response ... I'm not (and I don't think
other code-test-elimination proponents are) saying "theory is easy" or
"anyone can learn the theory" (though I believe *most* can ...)

It's a question of what's a necessary, compelling requirement ... and
theory is undeniably a valid, compelling requirement in a technical
service ... while Morse is long outdated, abandoned in virtually every
other service, and just a recreational prefrence unrelated to the
government's legitimate regulatory purposes ... one could even argue
legitimately (and I do) that continued Morse testing is COUNTER to
the government's interest in an expanding, progressive ARS that
meets the objectives of 97.1 and "pays its way" in return for its bands.

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> > wa6vse@fast.net
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> Hi Carl,
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> This is where we differ. I think that anyone can learn code, just as you
> think anyone can learn theory.

I don't believe that "anyone can learn theory" any more than I believe that "anyone can learn code" ... I never said EITHER of those things ... I will readily admit that there are likely a small percentage of people who are simply not intelligent enough to grasp even the basic level of theory that is necessary to qualify one for a ham license ... THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

The point is that Morse is not a relevant or necessary for the government to make it a license requirement ... the basic theory knowledge IS ... because of the technical nature of what the license permits. (despite the ridiculous arguments to the contrary by folks like "put in a box and ship it to Yaesu MD"

> You have stated many times that its just a
> simple encryption of the alphabet. So, why can't someone as intelligent as
> an EE's (no sarcasm intended, I sure can't do what they do) learn this
> simple encryption to advance within their chosen hobby?

While I would maintain that the inate ability (musical, tonal, timing, and other neurological concerns of a hereditary nature, etc.) to learn Morse is HIGHLY variable, it is probably true that the number of folks who cannot learn Morse *no matter how hard or long they try* is probably fairly small ... this is irrelevant ... the point is that Morse is simply not a compelling requirement for access to the HF spectrum (or any other spectrum) and therefore should not BE a requirement ...

> This is the
> fundamental difference in our opinions. I do agree a good first step to
> resolution would be to drop the worthless "question pool" and replace it

> with valid theory testing.

I have steadfastly supported improvements in the theory test and the
test methodology ...

> But as long as code remains as widely used as it
> is today, I can't see just dropping it.

It should not be a popularity contest, particularly one restricted to
incumbents ... that's like asking the few rich people in the world
if they'd like to share their wealth with the working folks ...

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> don't for one second think that it in any way gives me, or any one else
> that has one, some kind of "status". Its just the next license up from
> where I was and "because it was there" I got it. A ham is a ham. From
> Novice to Extra class, were all the same.

I'm glad that you're not professing the egomanical sort of "superiority"
that some fanatical beepers profess ...

> The idea that dropping the code
> test will cause a massive influx into the hobby was disproved with the
> no-code tech license. We got some good people, but it was not the flood
> that the no-code side predicted and we still have slow growth.

The growth was significant, and even after the "initial rush" the current
numbers and growth are MUCH better than they were before ...
and the current no-code class is still no the draw that "true ham status"
(including HF without discrimination on the basis of the "beeo/no-beep"
question) would be ... I'll bet that if you offered free lobster dinners at
a nice restaurant in "the best part of town" you'd get more takers than
if you offered a day-old burger at some cockroach-infested greasy spoon
in the "bad neighborhood."

> So I guess
> what needs to happen is some REAL debate over what we should to resolve the
> problem of slow growth. Fighting among ourselves sure won't do it. I'm
> trying from my end. I'm a VE and teach code and theory classes when I can.
> I'm open to NEW ideas gang! Lets start kicking some ideas around instead of
> each other. What do you say?

I said quite a bit right here ... I "kick" when I start to hear the same old,
tired
excuses for proping up the Morse hazing ritual ... if you want to debate
modernization
and the future of ham radio without the quasi-religious Morse dogma, I'll be
happy
to do so ... but dogma are like hot-dogs ... I like 'em well-toasted ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

543. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6648$c9c460e0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2453
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc663b$d6a3e4a0$43029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> > It isn't a question of learning the code for most people (though it may
> be
> > for some). It is a question of being able to develop FAST ENOUGH
> conditioned
> > reflexes and FAST ENOUGH handwriting to copy at the required speed.
> >
> > How would you like to have only a fraction of a second to do each of the
> > calculations in a (randomized) written test?
> >
> > Andy Nourse - KC1IP
>
> Apples and oranges, Andy. But just to have a new idea out in cyber-ham
> land, what if the speed required was lowered?
>
> Graham
> K4XA

The proposal for restructuring that we've been debating lately contemplates
two license classes, both with access to all HF bands, all modes, with only
a 5 wpm code test. The "higher" class would be allowed full power, to be a
VE, etc. and the "lower" class would have a power limit of say 50-250W on
HF and say 50W on the higher bands where biological safety concerns would
be more pronounced ...

It was also proposed that when the ITU treaty requirement changes, that all
Morse testing would cease ... those who wish to use Morse would still be able
to
and if they feel a need for a piece of paper that says they are proficient at
some
particular speed, they would find the ARRL happy, I am sure, to sell them one
for a nominal fee ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

544. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc6649$f88765c0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2454
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Joe Craig <jcraig@morgan.ucs.mun.ca> wrote in article
<5lv901$60t@coranto.ucs.mun.ca>...
> Michael P. Deignan (kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam) wrote:
> : In article <5lsm06$h8u@news.service.uci.edu>,
> : James W. KELLEY <jwkelley@e4e.oac.uci.edu> wrote:
>
> : >I believe the last definition has the most relavence here, and it is
> : >precisely the issue.
>
> : According to the definition you posted, theory exams are discriminatory.
>
> In the FASC report, it also recommends exams 'that reflect a
> basic knowledge of all modes, operating practices and operational ethics.'
> No mention of theory at all.

More MD distortion ... exams "that reflect a basic knowledge of all modes ..."
sure sounds like a theory test to me ... and I'll bet it sounds like a theory
test to most rational readers, too ...

> Apparently, the RAC FASC saw no need for either theory or CW testing.

More MD strawmen ...

> Incidently, the FASC report was accepted by the RAC executive. RAC did not
> claim that this report and its acceptance were sanctioned by Canadian
amateurs.

At least the Canadians elected leaders with the cajones to do what's right
even if it's not the popular whim of the mob ... though I suspect most
Canadians
are more sensible than MD would imply ...

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

545. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc665e$ed8f9420$5c029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2455
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
<01bc6648$c9c460e0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
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> VE, etc. and the "lower" class would have a power limit of say 50-250W on
> HF and say 50W on the higher bands where biological safety concerns would
> be more pronounced ...

Hi Carl,

Well, its a start to a new debate but..... How are we going to
regulate it? I don't think anybody would stick to the power limit.

Graham
K4XA

546. Amateur Exams (was: Re: CW should die, not the "hobby")

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ed Hare, W1RFI" <ehare@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <5m1n1c$7o2@mgate.arrl.org>
Source record: 2456
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Thomas Foster <tlfoster@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>> The present exams do not assure that minimal necessary level of
>> knowledge and skill, as witnessed by the know-nothings in our ranks >>... some of whom are extras and haven't a clue, even about =
such basic >> things as Ohm's Law and how to cut a diplole to resonance ... we >> cannot permit that sort of thing to continue.

>I believe you can attribute the lack of knowledge above to the question
>pool, which I advocate eliminating completely.

If we assume that the FCC is peramanently out of the exam business, how could we devise an exam system that would be reasonably consistent without a question pool? I do not ask this to be argumentative, but hoping that some good ideas will come out of the ensuing discussion.

(I can do no more or less with the good ideas than you can; I work in the Lab here, so I can't be a member of the ARRL Board of Directors; we have a policy that no Director can have a finanical stake in amateur radio, so I would be disqualified.)

(But, "Director Hare ..." wouldn't that strike fear into their hearts? :-))

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73 from ARRL HQ,
Ed Hare, W1RFI
ARRL Laboratory Supervisor

547. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ed Hare, W1RFI" <ehare@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <5m1n72$7o2@mgate.arrl.org>
Source record: 2457
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Cecil Moore <cecil_a_moore@ccm.ch.intel.com> wrote:

>Glen Quarnstrom wrote:

>> Sure. Lots of folks work on the space program, for instance, and have
>> no chance of getting into space.

>We are talking about a hobby, not a career.
>Repeat after me: career = income, hobby = fun. Lots of people have
>a job that's no fun. Only a masochist would have a hobby that's no
>fun. Do you have a hobby that's no fun? Why do you want someone else
>to have a hobby that's no fun?

Gosh, how do I fit into to this one? My hobby is my career, but it is
still a lot of fun. :-)

73,
Ed Hare, W1RFI

548. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: keinanen@sci.fi
Message-ID: <339cff3a.178671015@news.sci.fi>
Source record: 2458
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Graham" <not@public.com> wrote:

>Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
><01bc6648$c9c460e0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
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>> a 5 wpm code test. The "higher" class would be allowed full power, to be
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>> VE, etc. and the "lower" class would have a power limit of say 50-250W on
>> HF and say 50W on the higher bands where biological safety concerns would
>> be more pronounced ...
>
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>Hi Carl,
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>Well, its a start to a new debate but..... How are we going to
>regulate it? I don't think anybody would stick to the power limit.

In Finland the power limit on HF for the entry level Basic/Novice
license is 120 W and within that limit, you can use most of the rigs
on the market, since almost all are in the "100 W" range. To get up to
the General class power limit (1000 W) you are going to need an
external linear amplifier. I have heard of very few novices buying or
owning such devices, so it not a big problem over here. The important
thing is that the power difference between the classes is large enough
and that the higher limit requires an investment (external amplifier)
that is not needed or of any use at the lower class.

Paul OH3LWR

549. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6704$4c2bcbc0$44029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2459
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Paul Kein&#65533;nen <keinanen@sci.fi> wrote in article
<339cff3a.178671015@news.sci.fi>...

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-------------------SNIP--------------------

>The important thing is that the power difference between the classes is
large >enough and that the higher limit requires an investment (external
amplifier)
> that is not needed or of any use at the lower class.
>
> Paul OH3LWR
>

Good point Paul. Thanks for your input!

K4XA
Graham
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550. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wa6vse@fast.net>
Message-ID: <01bc670a$e28c2320$b395f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>
Source record: 2460
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

Graham <not@public.com> wrote in article
<01bc665e$ed8f9420$5c029ace@graham.surfsouth.com>...
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
> <01bc6648$c9c460e0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
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> Well, its a start to a new debate but..... How are we going to
> regulate it? I don't think anybody would stick to the power limit.
>
> Graham
> K4XA

Why do you say that ... there doesn't seem to have been a problem with
novice/tech+ ops using big PAs ... a power limit is justifiable on the basis
that the test doesn't require as much demonstration of technical savy ...
sub-bands as class distinction are completely arbitrary ... there's no
fundamental difference between any two frequencies on the 20m
voice segments ... why should things be balkanized in some eletist
fashion???

in the proposal, mere posession of a PA capable of exceeding the limit
would be prima facia evidence of violation.

Carl - wa6vse
wa6vse@fast.net

551. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5m3360$je9@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2461
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

"Graham" <not@public.com> wrote:

>Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote in article
><01bc6648$c9c460e0$2b9cf5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>...
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>> HF and say 50W on the higher bands where biological safety concerns would
>> be more pronounced ...

>Well, its a start to a new debate but..... How are we going to
>regulate it? I don't think anybody would stick to the power limit.
>Graham K4XA

Why not. Novices in the 50's had a 75w power limit and
I don't recall ever seeing it as a problem or a limit that was
routinely being ignored.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

552. I.I.A. Trophy 1997 by Crazy Dx Group

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: "CRAZY Dx.G." <crazy@grisnet.it>
Message-ID: <01bc67b7$55f7a3a0$0100007f@default>
Source record: 2462
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,aus.radio.amateur.misc,es.rec.radio.amateur,it.hobby.radioamatori,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb,uk.radio.amateur

I.I.A. Italian Islands Award

*** IIA TROPHY - 1997 ***

This Trophy is issued by the Crazy DX Group.
Every OM and SWL (world-wide) can participate.
The purpose is to contact/listen/activate the largest number of different
italian islands.
Only referenced islands from the official IIA list will be valid, but also
any possible island reference released after the Trophy's starting.
The participation is free of cost.
Have a good hunting !

PARTICIPATION PERIOD

From June 1st to September 30th 1997.

BANDS

It will be valid every qso/listening/activity on every amateur radio band.

POINTS

Each different contacted/listened/activated italian island will count 1
point.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES
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3 categories are available: OM, SWL and DX-PEDITIONERS.
It's possible to participate at more than 1 category. Points of different
categories cannot be combinable.
In the DX-PEDITIONERS category, it's necessary for the participant to be
the
owner of the used call-sign in every activity.
A plaque will be awarded to the top scoring participants in each category.
Complete results will be sent by the postal service to every participant.

LOGS

Complete logs with datas of every qso/listening (call-sign, date, UTC time,
band, mode, IIA reference, correspondent call-sign for SWL category) should
be sent within November 30th 1997 to the following address:

CRAZY DX GROUP - P.O. BOX 11 - 04011 APRILIA - ITALY
or through e-mail: crazy@grisnet.it

For DX-PEDITIONERS category's participants, it will be enough to send the complete activities list (dates, used call-signs and IIA references).

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE CRAZY DX GROUP MEMBERS

A special prize will be awarded to the Crazy DX Group member that will achieve the best result.

CRAZY DX GROUP
P.O. BOX 11
04011 Aprilia (LT) - ITALY

BBS IK0QDB@I0LCJ.ILAZ.ITA.EU
PCL IK0QDB >I0OWK-6
E-mail crazy@grisnet.it
web-site http://www.mline.peoples.it/crazy

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I.I.A. Italian Islands Award

-- TROFEO IIA 1997 --

Il Trofeo, istituito dal Crazy DX Group, e' aperto a tutti gli OM ed SWL italiani e stranieri.
Scopo della competizione e' di collegare/ascoltare/attivare il maggior numero
di isole italiane diverse.
Fara' testo la lista ufficiale IIA. Saranno valide anche eventuali referenze
assegnate dopo l'inizio del trofeo. La partecipazione e' gratuita.
Buona caccia !!

PERIODO DI PARTECIPAZIONE

Dal 1 Giugno al 30 Settembre 1997.

BANDE

Sono validi i qso/ascolti/attivazioni su tutte le bande radioamatoriali.

PUNTEGGIO

Ogni diversa isola italiana collegata/ascoltata/attivata varra' un punto.

CATEGORIE E PREMI

Sono disponibili 3 categorie di partecipazione: OM, SWL e ATTIVATORI.
E' possibile partecipare anche a piu' di una categoria. Non sono cumulabili i
punteggi delle diverse categorie.
Per la categoria ATTIVATORI e' necessario che il partecipante sia il titolare
del nominativo usato in ogni attivazione.

Saranno premiati con una targa i primi classificati di ogni categoria.
I risultati e le classifiche saranno comunicati per posta a tutti i
partecipanti.

ESTRATTI LOG

Gli estratti log completi dei dati di tutti i qso/ascolti (nominativo,
data,
ora UTC, banda, modo, referenza IIA, nominativo del corrispondente per gli
SWL) dovranno essere inviati entro il 30 Novembre 1997 al seguente
indirizzo:

CRAZY DX GROUP - P.O. BOX 11 - 04011 APRILIA
oppure via e-mail a: crazy@grisnet.it
o via packet a: IK0QDB@IW0FEF.ILAZ.ITA.EU (bbs) o IK0QDB >I0OWK-6
(pcl)

Per i partecipanti alla categoria ATTIVATORI, sara' sufficiente inviare la
lista delle attivazioni completa di date, nominativo usato e referenze IIA.

PREMIO SPECIALE PER I SOCI DEL CRAZY DX GROUP

Un premio speciale verra' assegnato al socio del Crazy DX Group che avra'
conseguito il risultato migliore.

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553. Help!> Amsat still needs funds for Phase 3D satellite.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: fiscus@mcn.net
Message-ID: <5m5hpo$d4_002@blpm01-252.mcn.net>
Source record: 2463
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

If this were a perfect world, the Phase 3D satellite would already be in orbit, but the ESA has postponed our launch to Sept 97. This delay has caused Amsat to have a funding shortfall. If you can donate to the Phase 3D satellite project please do so. If you can donate more money, please do so. Your help will be much appreciated! 73

http://www.amsat.org

Phone: (301) 589-6062

Amsat-NA
850 Sligo Ave Suite 600
Silver Spring, MD. 20910-4703

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: sco@sco-inc.com
Message-ID: <338716da.763266@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2464
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

fiscus@mcn.net (Vince Fiscus, KB7ADL) wrote:

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>satellite project please do so. If you can donate more money, please do so.
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>
I am a member of AMSAT and never understood why a launch delay costs
us more money. Do we have to pay more for storage? If P3D is completed
why does it cost more to launch in Sept vs June?

555. Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Peter A. Forkes" <pforkes@pobox.com>
Message-ID: <33874237.7E89@pobox.com>
Source record: 2465
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I'm looking for a CB aerial to mount on my Nissan Pathfinder. The local
installer recommends a $140 Antenna Specialist antenna.
Obviously, since the aerial is the most important part I want to get the
best, but I don't want some huge aerial sticking high up on my car.
What can you suggest?
Peter

556. Re: Help!> Amsat still needs funds for Phase 3D satellite.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tom@astro.net
Message-ID: <5m78rprso1@news.mhv.net>
Source record: 2466
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

In article <338716da.763266@news.mindspring.com>, sco@sco-inc.com wrote:
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Maybe because they tinker with it until launch time? Find last minute
changes? As always, EVERYONE wants MORE money. Like we have a tree full of it
in the backyard....

Tom

E-mail me at the address below, not with the above address.
That address is to help stop junk e-mail!

Tom Randall Amateur Radio - KB2SMS
trandall@mhv.net Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club /ARRL/10-10
Member: AAVSO Solar Division

My Astronomy/Ham radio web site:
http://www1.mhv.net/~trandall/welcome.html

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557. Re: Help!> Amsat still needs funds for Phase 3D satellite.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tom@astro.net
Message-ID: <5ma5kvro1@news.mhv.net>
Source record: 2376
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

In article <33883260.19CF@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>, ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au wrote:
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>> in the backyard....
>>
>> Tom
>
>What are you guys complaining about? If we have more time till the launch date
>then we should take that opportunity to make the sat more efficient, robust and
>test it till it is flawless. More work = more money. If we can't get more money
>then I guess we could always store it in a ham's garage for free till the
> launch.
>Does it matter if AMSAT is broke? Amateurs have always managed to build things
> on
>a flee's budjet, good on them :)
>
>Paul, VK2THN.

I have no problem with tinkering and changing things if it will help. It's the money thing I'm talking about. Change for the sake of change is rediculous though. If it isn't broke leave it alone is how I feel. It isn't our fault the rocket isn't going up on time, why should we pay for storage (if that's the reason). More work=more money as far as the sat is concerned is a bogus excuse. Guess the volunteerizm isn't there....I have no problem with

asking for donations by the way.

E-mail me at the address below, not with the above address.
That address is to help stop junk e-mail!

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My Astronomy/Ham radio web site:
http://www1.mhv.net/~trandall/welcome.html

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558. WTB: MOTOROLA CABLES AND RIB BOX !

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: MARK STANG <mark824@wwa.com>
Message-ID: <01bc68c5$e364a080$f63cf1cf@WWA.wwa.com>
Source record: 2377
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.amateur,chi.wanted,rec.ham-radio

I NEED THE PROGRAMMING CABLES AND RIB BOX FOR THE MOTOROLA HT1000. IF YOU CAN HELP ME OUT SEND ME A LINE OR TWO. MARK824@WWA.COM

THANKS MARK

559. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dave VanHorn <dvanhorn@127.0.0.1>
Message-ID: <01bc694d$93944fa0$62f135ce@hammer.stonewest.com>
Source record: 2378
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> >William Lee

Legality dosen't matter. Actual performance dosen't matter. What matters
is how can I impress my friends with the amount of money I dumped into
this crap.

These guys buy antenna gadgets for insane prices that have absolutely no
measurable effects, screw up their audio with processors and reverbs, add
in a "roger beep" that's 20 dB overmod, operate on any frequency they can
get their gear to run on, (remote control users.. TOO BAD!)

In actual fact, if the band is open, you can work the world with 5W (on 10
meters, where it's legal). If the band is closed, then no amount of power
will help. the only use for all this junk is a nightly screaming match.
Repeat
in every town out to the edge of ground wave propagation, and it's no
wonder
you can't use CB for anything useful anymore.

Back in my CB days, I used to get a lot of fun by outperforming very
expensive
base stations from a 5W mobile rig. Of course I read and understood the
ARRL antenna handbook, and actually installed my system properly..
The total cost of my antenna mod was about a nickel.

Still, they don't care what problems they cause for other users in the fire
and
police bands, ham bands, TVI.. Just as long as they can out-shout the
idiot down the street, that's what matters.

560. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "D.Arnold" <D.Arnold@primocomputers.com>
Message-ID: <3389048F.5DC4@primocomputers.com>
Source record: 2379
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner

Ernie Stedman wrote:
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> William Lee wrote:
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> > <33874237.7E89@pobox.com>...
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> Wouldn't that be illegal?
only on the pwr out...fcc limit is 5 countem 5 watts

DON KDA95959

561. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Andy Moss <andmoss@ibm.net>
Message-ID: <338911A2.44FA@ibm.net>
Source record: 2380
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Peter A. Forkes wrote:
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> I'm looking for a CB aerial to mount on my Nissan Pathfinder. The local
> installer recommends a $140 Antenna Specialist antenna.

Antenna Specialists make excellent antennas. However, 140$ does seem a
little strong!

> Obviously, since the aerial is the most important part I want to get the
> best, but I don't want some huge aerial sticking high up on my car.
> What can you suggest?

I would suggest something along the lines or a K40 or Wilson 1000. The
quality is acceptable and you should be able to snatch one for much less
than 140$.

A 102" whip mounted on one of the back corners of the truck seems to be
pretty hip around these parts. however, you'll get better overall
performance from a whip like the above-noted mounted in the center of
your roof. For best performance, you really have to drill a hole in the
roof and mount the antenna permanently. You may not like this idea but
let's face it, when you go to sell the truck a small bucket of bondo and
some touch up paint will completely conceal it. Either that or just
shove in a hole plug and hope for a short buyer. <G>

If you are concerned with being heard, you could install an outboard
power amplifier to the rig. Bear in mind this is illegal. However, the
noise is often so thick on CB that you need more than 4 watts to "make
the trip".

Cheers!

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Andy Moss
"In God we trust - the rest can pay cash......."

562. APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Walsh <DavidJWalsh@msn.com>
Message-ID: <01bc67e5$0a12b0a0$LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2381
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

Hello,

Could anybody tell me if you know of any sites where there is maps within
Great Britan to download into APRS or if there is anybody who has made any.

Thanks in advance for any information

David Walsh - M1AGJ
Treasurer Widness and Runcorn ARC (WARAR) - http://www.wararc.home.ml.org
Secretary - Cheshire Radio Scouting Technology Team

563. Computer & 2 meter Mobile For....

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "J. Daniel Bell, Jr." <KC4OXP@QSL.NET>
Message-ID: <01bc6945$2d653a80$ba85f5cd@kc4oxp>
Source record: 2382
Cross-posted to: alabama.birmingham.radio.amateur,phx.buy-sell-trade,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap

I am looking for a Kenwood TS-850SAT or a HF rig somewhere in the same ballpark.. Here is what I have to trade..

I will ALSO include my NEW *7 week old * HTX-212 complete with everything including box, manual, AND 3 year extended warrenty with this deal!

Tower Case
486/33 (8 Megs Ram)
6X Speed CD Drive
16 Bit Soundcard
2.6 Gig Hardrive
(1) 1.4 Meg Disk Drive
800 Meg Tape Backup (Internal) Ditto
28.8 Modem (Internal)
SVGA (1 Meg) Video Card
FM Radio Card (FM Radio Station)
Windows 95 Installed
SVGA 13" Monitor

ALL EQUIPTMENT IS NEW 6 MONTHS AGO EXCEPT FOR THE MONITOR! I put this package together myself.

Looking to trade for a Kenwood TS-850S/AT also in good condition. I checked with HRO Atlanta, they said that it would be a perfect trade. They said $1000 for the TS-850S/AT without tuner $850.
I have about $1100 invested in my computer, and $200 invested in the 2 meter mobile.

Either E-Mail or Call! Here is the information

KC4OXP@QSL.NET
770-867-5156 8AM-10PM

73 Daniel/KC4OXP

564. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6901$989ad920$bdee65ce@william-lee>
Source record: 2467
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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shorter antenna and a small (25-50W) R.F. amplifier to make up for the loss
of transmit range. Do not go overboard on the amp as you can not talk to
someone you cannot hear. Good luck in your quest for the ultimate signal
from your mobile. Let us know what you come up with as we mobilers are
always looking for a better antenna.

William Lee

565. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ernie Stedman <estedman@radia1.com>
Message-ID: <33882F4B.4914@radia1.com>
Source record: 2468
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner

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Wouldn't that be illegal?

566. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Buren <dburen@top.monad.net>
Message-ID: <5m9des$sn1@news.monad.net>
Source record: 2469
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keep in mind that the longer the antenna (up to quarter wave), the better
it radiates. Those small heavily loaded jobs are pretty good dummy loads.
The stainless whip is the cheapest and usually best. $140 seems pretty
pricey. Gud luck. 73's W1DB
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567. Re: Help!> Amsat still needs funds for Phase 3D satellite.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Paul Titze VK2THN [HACK.AU.]" <ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Message-ID: <33883260.19CF@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Source record: 2470
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

Tom@astro.net wrote:
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> In article <338716da.763266@news.mindspring.com>, sco@sco-inc.com wrote:
> >fiscus@mcn.net (Vince Fiscus, KB7ADL) wrote:
> >
> >>If this were a perfect world, the Phase 3D satellite would already be in
> >>orbit, but the ESA has postponed our launch to Sept 97. This delay has caused
> >
> >>Amsat to have a funding shortfall. If you can donate to the Phase 3D
> >>satellite project please do so. If you can donate more money, please do so.
> >>Your help will be much appreciated! 73
> >>
> >I am a member of AMSAT and never understood why a launch delay costs
> >us more money. Do we have to pay more for storage? If P3D is completed
> >why does it cost more to launch in Sept vs June?
>
> Maybe because they tinker with it until launch time? Find last minute
> changes? As always, EVERYONE wants MORE money. Like we have a tree full of it
> in the backyard....
>
> Tom

What are you guys complaining about? If we have more time till the launch date
then we should take that opportunity to make the sat more efficient, robust and
test it till it is flawless. More work = more money. If we can't get more money
then I guess we could always store it in a ham's garage for free till the launch.
Does it matter if AMSAT is broke? Amateurs have always managed to build things on
a flee's budjet, good on them :)

Paul, VK2THN.

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Email : ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au
Website : http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~ptitze
Cyberspace: http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~ptitze/vrml/vk2thn.wrl
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568. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: sco@sco-inc.com
Message-ID: <33887072.4553664@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2471
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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>of transmit range.

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legal.

>William Lee

569. pse help ID GE mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ron, N7TAW" <ronh@chatlink.com>
Message-ID: <33884F9F.7F53@chatlink.com>
Source record: 2472
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

I need help finding a schematic for two old GE mobiles (currently used as local repeaters), especially the wiring for the control head as the controllers are about to be replaced, and the wiring of the old ones us a mess.

the numbers listed on the ID plaques are:

RG56TFS66, or N.P. 243349

and

YG56KJJ66, or N.P. 243349

They appear to be the same radios with different options.

Thanks to all,

Ron, N7TAW

570. Re: pse help ID GE mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: n3ab@ptdprolog.net
Message-ID: <3388e43a.3617475@news.ptdprolog.net>
Source record: 2383
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

On Sun, 25 May 1997 07:41:35 -0700, "Ron, N7TAW" <ronh@chatlink.com>
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The first unit sounds like an older GE Exec (not the Exec II). If I
recall, this radio may have tube finals. Not sure about the 2nd unit.

John N3AB

571. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: orion@xyzcapital.net
Message-ID: <33890e5e.33723311@news.capital.net>
Source record: 2384
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 25 May 1997 20:54:54 GMT, "Dave VanHorn" <dvanhorn@127.0.0.1>
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73,
Butch
To send mail,
delete the xyz
from my address

572. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: grohe@galaxy.nsc.com
Message-ID: <33892016.4866767@139.187.81.1>
Source record: 2385
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 26 May 1997 04:18:22 GMT,
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Count the days until FRS goes the same way. I'm sure there will
be idiots trying to "shoot skip" on UHF.

Round' here, the 154 MHz VHF "dot" channels are already plagued
with "I'm stepping on you" idiots. I turned on the radio one
night and swore I was listening to CB channel 14.

It is just amazing what happens when technology is placed into
the hands of the "average" person.

Cheers,
Paul Grohe

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Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc69d6$876b3840$74f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2386
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> --
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Paul, Perhaps what is needed is a CW test to weed out the undesirables
before they get a radio permit. No... wait a minute..... That has already
been tried and it did not work very well. Those same idiots got by the
test. Oh well.....

William Lee

574. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc69d6$ff905c60$74f431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2387
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Watch out Andy, I gave somewhat of the same advice and was told by many do
good posters that it was illegal to run an amp. on CB.

William Lee

575. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: ckrin@Iamerica.net*no.spam
Message-ID: <338ebe46.7610484@news.iamerica.net>
Source record: 2388
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I used to have good luck with a 5/8 wave "Firestick" top loaded coil type- they've got them as short as 2 ft long, which work very well even at highway speeds with a 6 inch mag mount set- can get both of these at your friendly neighborhood truck stop for a total of about $20! Also works great as a scanner antenna.....but not so hot on 2 M!

ck (proud owner of a 94 Trooper)

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Charles S. Krin, DO FAAFP KC5EVN, Member, PGBFH
remove "nospam*" in the "from" address to reply
"Reckless, Hell! I hit jus' where I was aimin'"
"Bubba Shot the Jukebox!" Mark Chestnut, 1995

576. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net>
Message-ID: <338B0200.5A73@lni.net>
Source record: 2389
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

>Watch out Andy, I gave somewhat of the same advice and was told by many do
>good posters that it was illegal to run an amp. on CB.

I wasn't one of those "do good" posters, but what's so bad about doing
good??? Why be a petty criminal? Just use your 2 meter rig and don't
worry about the CB...or do it with the legal 4 watts. No rocket science
needed here.

Regards,

Greg WG8N

577. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: aa490@freenet.hamilton.on.ca
Message-ID: <5metpv$l30@main.freenet.hamilton.on.ca>
Source record: 2390
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: Peter

The best performance will be had by using a full length 1/4 wave
whip (102"). They actually look OK on a pathfinder when mounted on the
back bumper at one corner.

If you desire a somewhat shorter antenna, and don't mind mounting
it on the roof, then a base-loaded whip will perform well. There's
basically 2 kinds of these (this is oversimplified, but will give you
an idea of what's important for efficiency)

1) Steel whips about 35" long. They tend to radiate mostly from
the whip; the bottom loading coil is used mainly for matching.

2) Steel whips about 51" long. These usually are designed so that
the coil radiates some of the signal as well as the whip. They
tend to be more efficient than the #1 type. (K40 is one of many
in this class)

All bottom loaded antennas perform poorly if the coil isn't
positioned so that it's free of metal obstructions.

If you want to mount a whip off the corner bumpers or side of a
vehicle and don't want the size of a 9' whip, then I'd recommend using
a top loaded whip (your standard 4' white truckers antenna). These
antennas move the current node as far up the whip as possible which
increases efficiency, and are better able to deal with unusual ground
plane irregularities found when corner-mounting.

Paul

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578. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Andy Moss <andmoss@ibm.net>
Message-ID: <338BA59A.711D@ibm.net>
Source record: 2391
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

William Lee wrote:

> > If you are concerned with being heard, you could install an outboard
> > power amplifier to the rig. Bear in mind this is illegal. However, the
> > noise is often so thick on CB that you need more than 4 watts to "make
> > the trip".

> Watch out Andy, I gave somewhat of the same advice and was told by many do
> good posters that it was illegal to run an amp. on CB.

Well, I'm not saying that anyone should buy an amplifier just because
damn near everyone else has one. <G>

The reality of the situation is that you need a lot of grunt just to get
across the street when the noise level is high. The standard mobile
install of a VHF-lo commercial two-way radio is 50Watts, with most
running 80W+. For VHF it is 25Watts and UHF 25Watts as well. Most
repeaters are running 50-100Watts.

If 5Watts is "good enough for anybody", I've seen no evidence of that!

Cheers!

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Andy Moss
"In God we trust - the rest can pay cash......."

579. Re: Amateur Exams (was: Re: CW should die, not the "hobby")

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: andy@tiedye.com
Message-ID: <5mgfe3$gtk@masters0.InterNex.Net>
Source record: 2392
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

In article <5m1n1c$7o2@mgate.arrl.org>,
"Ed Hare, W1RFI" <ehare@arrl.org> wrote:
>If we assume that the FCC is peramanently out of the exam business, how
>could we devise an exam system that would be reasonably consistent
>without a question pool?

The question pool can be a computer program. The source for the program and the data files would be available. The program could fill in different values each time for formula questions as well as some of the ones on regulations. This would not affect the technical content of the questions, but it would prevent applicants from learning only the answers to the questions in the book.

580. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: aruder@pipeline.com
Message-ID: <5mhpvl$5m3@camel1.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2393
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"William Lee" <willee@inwave.com> wrote:

>Peter A. Forkes <pforkes@pobox.com> wrote in article
><33874237.7E89@pobox.com>...
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>> installer recommends a $140 Antenna Specialist antenna.
>> Obviously, since the aerial is the most important part I want to get the
>> best, but I don't want some huge aerial sticking high up on my car.
>> What can you suggest?
>> Peter
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>Well Peter, you have a real dilemma on your hands. The best mobile antenna
>for CB would be a 9 foot whip mounted on the roof. Anything else is a
>compromise. Some people mount this stainless steel whip on their back
>bumper to reduce the overall highth. The Wilson K-40 antenna is a good
>choice as it is shorter but still very effective. Of course you can use a
>shorter antenna and a small (25-50W) R.F. amplifier to make up for the loss
>of transmit range. Do not go overboard on the amp as you can not talk to
>someone you cannot hear. Good luck in your quest for the ultimate signal
>from your mobile. Let us know what you come up with as we mobilers are
>always looking for a better antenna.

>William Lee

Do I understand this upstanding fellow is recommending an AMP on a CB
which is not supposed to put out but 4 or 15 watts depending?

Sheeeeez!

Lou Hinshaw

Prolific inventor,
Lousy Salesman,
Incompetent businessman.
(Typical)

581. F.S. : Midland 100 watt 6 meter mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <864871105.21584@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2394
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

For Sale: Midland 70-056C 100 watt, 80 channel mobile rig with remote head and cable. Pre-programmed with 6 meter simplex/repeater frequencies (list included). Comes complete with microphone, mounting brackets and matching Midland speaker. Rig is in very good condition. Asking $200.00, with shipping included to the lower 48.

Chris M.
kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
313-753-5526

----------------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------------------
http://www.dejanews.com/ Search, Read, Post to Usenet

582. F.S. : MFJ Deluxe Versa-Tuner II

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb8ukn@cdlcorp.com
Message-ID: <864871445.21919@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2395
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.shortwave

For Sale: MFJ manual antenna tuner model 948. This tuner will tune everything from random wire to coax. No original box, but the manual is included. Unit is in good condition. $75.00 shipping included to the lower 48.

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583. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Brian Ward <blward@mts.net>
Message-ID: <338CEC4A.1424@mts.net>
Source record: 2396
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> $20! Also works great as a scanner antenna.....but not so hot on 2 M!

The best you will find for a mobile whip with gain and only 4-5 feet in
height is a WILSON 1000.

Have a look for it. They are made in Vegas.

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blward@mb.sympatico.ca mailto:blward@mb.sympatico.ca
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584. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: KB9KHM <kb9khm@expert.cc.purdue.edu>
Message-ID: <338D0A6B.987@expert.cc.purdue.edu>
Source record: 2397
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

> The best you will find for a mobile whip with gain and only 4-5 feet in
> height is a WILSON 1000.

Gain over what? A dummy load?
--
Mark <KB9KHM>

Home Page:
http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~kb9khm

585. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: William Lee <willee@inwave.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6bcf$0dd9a160$1cf431cf@william-lee>
Source record: 2398
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Greg Emerson <gregemmy@lni.net> wrote in article <338B0200.5A73@lni.net>...
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> good??? Why be a petty criminal? Just use your 2 meter rig and don't
> worry about the CB...or do it with the legal 4 watts. No rocket science
> needed here.
>
> Regards,
>
> Greg WG8N
>

Well Greg, I drive from state to state a lot and very seldom hear anyone on the 146.520 calling freq. I monitor it all the time and call out about every 50 miles or so but seldom make a contact. Sometimes its a long way between repeaters. On the other hand the CB channel 19 is always active with weather, road, and bear conditions. Also those truckers can tell some very good stories. True, there is a lot of trash in there, but sometimes you can find a real jewel amid it all. Radio is Radio regardless of frequency.

William Lee

586. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Roger Barker <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <8J9sMTApFUjzEwKI@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2399
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

In article <01bc67e5$0a12b0a0$LocalHost@default>, David Walsh
<DavidJWalsh@msn.com> writes
>Hello,
>
>Could anybody tell me if you know of any sites where there is maps within
>Great Britan to download into APRS or if there is anybody who has made any

Is there any significant level of use of APRS anywhere in the UK?

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Roger Barker, G4IDE roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk
Boston, UK http://www.peaksys.demon.co.uk
"Be tolerant of everything, except for intolerance!"

587. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Carl Littlejohns <carl@ambrosia.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <VA.000005ca.04dc404f@ambrosia.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2400
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

> From: Roger Barker <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
> Is there any significant level of use of APRS anywhere in the UK?

Only Cheshire- during Operation Frostbite I think.

I think we should 'designate' a frequency for it - 4m might be a good candidate- or perhaps a bit of 70cm - but till we have that, it isn't going to 'catch' - if it appears on a regular channel chances are you'would have to have your radio surgically removed. Packeteers can be a touchy lot in my experience....

I'd like to get into some 'live' packet - cos the internet does what packet did so much better- and I miss the keep .675 live bragade etc...

Carl
gw0tqm@ambrosia.demon.co.uk

588. FS:HTX-212 MAKE OFFER!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "J. Daniel Bell, Jr." <KC4OXP@QSL.NET>
Message-ID: <01bc6c4e$2c714180$943d2acf@avana.net>
Source record: 2401
Cross-posted to: alabama.birmingham.radio.amateur,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap

The title says it all. Make REASONABLE offer on this 9 Week old HTX-212
(2 meter 45 watt) mobile. MUST sell, getting $$$ together to purchase a HF
Rig.
Radio comes with a transferable 3 year warrenty from Radio Shack!

E-Mail offers to: KC4OXP@QSL.NET

73 Daniel/KC4OXP

589. wtb:hf rigs TS-850,930,940

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "J. Daniel Bell, Jr." <KC4OXP@QSL.NET>
Message-ID: <01bc6c1d$d3eb5d00$9685f5cd@avana.net>
Source record: 2402
Cross-posted to: alabama.birmingham.radio.amateur,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap

Within a week I will be ready to purchase a HF rig. I am now wanting to discuss what goodies you have for sale.

Looking for Kenwood TS-850S/AT
TS-930S/AT
TS-940S/AT

Not looking for radios in "good" condition, want one that is in excellent condition, and has never been mobile. Please send me condition of the radio, extra's that you might have with the radio, and your asking price.

73 Daniel/KC4OXP
KC4OXP@QSL.NET

590. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: James O'Brien <kd4cdb@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <338EAA82.6E95@bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2403
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> even at highway speeds with a 6 inch mag mount set- can get both of
> these at your friendly neighborhood truck stop for a total of about
> $20! Also works great as a scanner antenna.....but not so hot on 2 M!
>
> ck (proud owner of a 94 Trooper)
>
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> >installer recommends a $140 Antenna Specialist antenna.
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> >What can you suggest?
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>
> Charles S. Krin, DO FAAFP KC5EVN, Member, PGBFH
> remove "nospam*" in the "from" address to reply
> "Reckless, Hell! I hit jus' where I was aimin'"
> "Bubba Shot the Jukebox!" Mark Chestnut, 1995

In my opinion nothing beats a 102" stainless steel whip. 16 bucks at
radio shack.

591. Re: Bearcat 3000

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: James O'Brien <kd4cdb@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <338E8C99.3028@bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2404
Cross-posted to:
alt.ham-radio.marketplace,dds.markt,de.comm.ham,nl.markt,nl.markt.overig,nl.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,wxs.tekoop

Henk wrote:
>
> Te Koop Aangeboden
>
> UNIDEN Bearcat 3000XLT
>
> 400 kanalen in 20 banken
>
> van 25 Mhz tot 1.3 Ghz
>
> Scansnelheid 100 kan per seconde
>
> 550 gulden
> exclusief p&p
>
> Reacties per e-mail of telefoon
> 06 54 66 31 34 (GSM)
> 050 525 88 55
>
> Groeten,
>
> Henk Roelfsema
>
> e-mail: hrr@poboxes.com

No habla

592. Re: Help!> Amsat still needs funds for Phase 3D satellite.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Michael Studer <michael.studer@corp.sun.com>
Message-ID: <338EFFAF.5BA9@corp.sun.com>
Source record: 2405
Cross-posted to: alt.radio,alt.radio.scanner,alt.satellite,aus.radio.amsat,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

Tom@astro.net wrote:
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> In article <33883260.19CF@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>, ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au wrote:
> >Tom@astro.net wrote:
> >>
> >> In article <338716da.763266@news.mindspring.com>, sco@sco-inc.com wrote:
> >> >fiscus@mcn.net (Vince Fiscus, KB7ADL) wrote:
> >> >
> >> >>If this were a perfect world, the Phase 3D satellite would already be in
> >> >>orbit, but the ESA has postponed our launch to Sept 97. This delay has
> > caused
> >> >
> >> >>Amsat to have a funding shortfall. If you can donate to the Phase 3D
> >> >>satellite project please do so. If you can donate more money, please do
> > so.
> >> >>Your help will be much appreciated! 73
> >> >>
> >> >I am a member of AMSAT and never understood why a launch delay costs
> >> >us more money. Do we have to pay more for storage? If P3D is completed
> >> >why does it cost more to launch in Sept vs June?
> >>
> >> Maybe because they tinker with it until launch time? Find last minute
> >> changes? As always, EVERYONE wants MORE money. Like we have a tree full of it
> >> in the backyard....
> >>
> >> Tom
> >
> >What are you guys complaining about? If we have more time till the launch date
> >then we should take that opportunity to make the sat more efficient, robust and
> >test it till it is flawless. More work = more money. If we can't get more money
> >then I guess we could always store it in a ham's garage for free till the
> > launch.
> >Does it matter if AMSAT is broke? Amateurs have always managed to build things
> > on
> >a flee's budjet, good on them :)
> >
> >Paul, VK2THN.
>
> I have no problem with tinkering and changing things if it will help. It's
> the money thing I'm talking about. Change for the sake of change is
> rediculous though. If it isn't broke leave it alone is how I feel. It isn't

> our fault the rocket isn't going up on time, why should we pay for storage (if
> that's the reason). More work=more money as far as the sat is concerned is a
> bogus excuse. Guess the volunteerizm isn't there....I have no problem with
> asking for donations by the way.
>
> E-mail me at the address below, not with the above address.
> That address is to help stop junk e-mail!
>
> Tom Randall Amateur Radio - KB2SMS
> trandall@mhv.net Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club /ARRL/10-10
> Member: AAVSO Solar Division
>
> My Astronomy/Ham radio web site:
> http://www1.mhv.net/~trandall/welcome.html
>
> Opinions herein are mine and may not be that of MHV.NET!

I hope ESA doesn't plunk it right into the ocean like they usually do.

Mike AB6CV

593. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: philip de cadenet <phil@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <DL0vfuAfyrjzEwd7@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2406
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No antenna I've seen for mobile use on 11m produces gain!

Phil G4ZOW/M
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philip de cadenet

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From: philip de cadenet <phil@two-way.demon.co.uk>
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Source record: 2407
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>William Lee
Could'nt agree more. Phil G4ZOW/M
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philip de cadenet

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Message-ID: <YLMpfkA$rrjzEw$f@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2408
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

In article <01bc694d$93944fa0$62f135ce@hammer.stonewest.com>, Dave
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>> legal.
>>
>> >William Lee
>
>Legality dosen't matter. Actual performance dosen't matter. What matters
>is how can I impress my friends with the amount of money I dumped into
>this crap.
>
>These guys buy antenna gadgets for insane prices that have absolutely no
>measurable effects, screw up their audio with processors and reverbs, add
>in a "roger beep" that's 20 dB overmod, operate on any frequency they can
>get their gear to run on, (remote control users.. TOO BAD!)
>
>In actual fact, if the band is open, you can work the world with 5W (on 10
>meters, where it's legal). If the band is closed, then no amount of power
>will help. the only use for all this junk is a nightly screaming match.
>Repeat
>in every town out to the edge of ground wave propagation, and it's no
>wonder
>you can't use CB for anything useful anymore.
>
>Back in my CB days, I used to get a lot of fun by outperforming very
>expensive
>base stations from a 5W mobile rig. Of course I read and understood the
>ARRL antenna handbook, and actually installed my system properly..
>The total cost of my antenna mod was about a nickel.
>
>Still, they don't care what problems they cause for other users in the fire
>and
>police bands, ham bands, TVI.. Just as long as they can out-shout the
>idiot down the street, that's what matters.
>

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Read my post on 'Megapower mobiles' in the homebrew ng.

Phil G4ZOW/Xtreme mobile.
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philip de cadenet

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Message-ID: <b70pTiAcprjzEw9F@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2409
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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>always looking for a better antenna.
>
>William Lee
Nice to see a CBer not being knocked for a change.
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myself run full legal in the mobile, to say we get jealous/sarcastic
comments from the megabuck base stations with a dummy load on a stick
for an antenna, is a severe under-statement. We have a much modded
BugCatcher and on 160m we can rattle most loudspeakers around the
country, even the dummyload on a stick op's with a deaf receiver.
We're trying to tell them to get their act together, and we're only
running a 13'6" whip. TopBand, a most difficult band to master!

Phil G4ZOW/Xtreme mobile. We accept no prisoners, lifes too short for
QRP!
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philip de cadenet

597. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Roger Barker <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <c870hCAwhxjzEwdL@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2410
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

In article <VA.000005ca.04dc404f@ambrosia.demon.co.uk>, Carl Littlejohns
<carl@ambrosia.demon.co.uk> writes
>> From: Roger Barker <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
>> Is there any significant level of use of APRS anywhere in the UK?
>
>Only Cheshire- during Operation Frostbite I think.
>
>I think we should 'designate' a frequency for it - 4m might be a good
>candidate- or perhaps a bit of 70cm - but till we have that, it isn't
>going to 'catch' - if it appears on a regular channel chances are you'would
>have to have your radio surgically removed. Packeteers can be a touchy lot in
>my
>experience....

I think it really needs a frequency on 2m. However, there's just been a
new UK 2m digital bandplan announced, perhaps it includes a specific
recommended frequency for APRS? Seeing as it is so popular in the USA,
I'm sure the RSGB will have realised that there was likely to be some
interest over here within the foreseeable future.

--
Roger Barker, G4IDE roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk
Boston, UK http://www.peaksys.demon.co.uk
"Be tolerant of everything, except for intolerance!"

598. Rhode & Shwartz BN15075 Receiver

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Paul Nicolay <paul_nicolay@merck.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6d04$6dc42880$6e036536@merck.com>
Source record: 2411
Cross-posted to: rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.misc,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

Hi,

Is there somebody who has the pin assignments of plug 14 of this old (at least more than 10 years) R&S receiver. The plug is normally attached to the power-supply, which I'm missing, and has two rows of pins (labeled 1-8A & B). Any description on what comes out and goes in would be great. This would help me in building my own power-supply.

73s, ON1DJU

Please Email me as well as it is hard to keep up for me

The contents of this message express only the sender's opinion.
This message does not necessarily reflect the policy or views of
my employer, Merck & Co., Inc. All responsibility for the statements
made in this Usenet posting resides solely and completely with the
sender.

599. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Walsh <DavidJWalsh@msn.com>
Message-ID: <01bc6b5a$80e5be20$LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2412
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

Well, i have quite a few friend on the radio and we are wanting to try out
"new" technologies, also could be usful for some events that we run.

Bye for now
David Walsh - M1AGJ
http://www.wararc.home.ml.org

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600. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dave VanHorn <dvanhorn@127.0.0.1>
Message-ID: <01bc6d51$225055c0$a2f135ce@hammer.stonewest.com>
Source record: 2413
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

> Nice to see a CBer not being knocked for a change.
> I'll agree to dissagree on the mobile amp Will, my friend G3NNY and
> myself run full legal in the mobile, to say we get jealous/sarcastic
> comments from the megabuck base stations with a dummy load on a stick
> for an antenna, is a severe under-statement. We have a much modded
> BugCatcher and on 160m we can rattle most loudspeakers around the
> country, even the dummyload on a stick op's with a deaf receiver.
> We're trying to tell them to get their act together, and we're only
> running a 13'6" whip. TopBand, a most difficult band to master!
>
> Phil G4ZOW/Xtreme mobile. We accept no prisoners, lifes too short for
> QRP!
> --
> philip de cadenet

Nice to see a CB op with a clue! You're a rare item!

73's KC6ETE

601. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <demoman@rollanet.nospam.org>
Message-ID: <338F6713.29C3@rollanet.nospam.org>
Source record: 2414
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner

Ernie Stedman wrote:
>
> William Lee wrote:
> >
> > Peter A. Forkes <pforkes@pobox.com> wrote in article
> > <33874237.7E89@pobox.com>...
> > > I'm looking for a CB aerial to mount on my Nissan Pathfinder. The local
> > > installer recommends a $140 Antenna Specialist antenna.
> > > Obviously, since the aerial is the most important part I want to get the
> > > best, but I don't want some huge aerial sticking high up on my car.
> > > What can you suggest?
> > > Peter
> > >
> > >
> > Well Peter, you have a real dilemma on your hands. The best mobile antenna
> > for CB would be a 9 foot whip mounted on the roof. Anything else is a
> > compromise. Some people mount this stainless steel whip on their back
> > bumper to reduce the overall highth. The Wilson K-40 antenna is a good
> > choice as it is shorter but still very effective. Of course you can use a
> > shorter antenna and a small (25-50W) R.F. amplifier to make up for the loss<<snip>>
> >
> > William Lee
> Wouldn't that be illegal?

a good compromise between performance and bulk would be the Wilson 1000
with 5 inch mag mount. 50-60 bucks will get you a very well performing
antenna that is not as tall as the "king" sized whip yet performs MUCH
better than the 20" loaded whip designs.

i use one with my ic 706 and have it tuned for the 10m FM RPTR section.
great results!
--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF

mailto:demoman@rollanet.org
http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

602. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Demolition Man <demoman@rollanet.nospam.org>
Message-ID: <338F65D0.18A2@rollanet.nospam.org>
Source record: 2415
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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William Lee wrote:
>
> Paul Grohe <grohe@galaxy.nsc.com> wrote in article
> <33892016.4866767@139.187.81.1>...
> > On Mon, 26 May 1997 04:18:22 GMT,
> > in the newsgroup rec.radio.scanner,
> > orion@xyzcapital.net
> > from Logical Net thoughtfully posted:
> >
> > Round' here, the 154 MHz VHF "dot" channels are already plagued
> > with "I'm stepping on you" idiots. I turned on the radio one
> > night and swore I was listening to CB channel 14.
> >
> > It is just amazing what happens when technology is placed into
> > the hands of the "average" person.
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Paul Grohe
> >
> > ---------------------------------------------------------------
> > Paul Grohe National Semiconductor Corp.
> > Sr. Electronics Technician 2900 Semiconductor Drive
> > Standard Products Apps Group Mail Stop C2693
> > grohe@galaxy.nsc.com Santa Clara, CA. 95052-8090 USA
> > (408) 721-7389 Tel (408) 721-2513 Fax
> > ---------------------------------------------------------------
> >
>
> Paul, Perhaps what is needed is a CW test to weed out the undesirables
> before they get a radio permit. No... wait a minute..... That has already
> been tried and it did not work very well. Those same idiots got by the
> test. Oh well.....
>
> William Lee

spiffy..... the last argument was for vhf and uhf freqs. guess that
blasted theory testing didn't work either.
resistance is futile, you will be assimilated. ;)
nothing works 100%, i'll grant you that.
--
A.C.Curtis
KB0WLF
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http://www.rollanet.org/~demoman/

603. *** New Vintage Kit Co. WEB PAGE!! ***

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: bry@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <339049de.19354910@news.mnsinc.com>
Source record: 2416
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc

There is a new web site on the net for:

VINTAGE RADIO KIT CO.

They sell receiver and transmitter kits using tubes. For full details,
take a look at:

http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/vintage.htm

Enjoy! 73 de AF4K, Bry

604. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: David <david084@flash.net>
Message-ID: <33908191.6901@flash.net>
Source record: 2417
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

James O'Brien wrote:
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> Charles S. Krin, DO FAAFP wrote:
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> > Charles S. Krin, DO FAAFP KC5EVN, Member, PGBFH
> > remove "nospam*" in the "from" address to reply
> > "Reckless, Hell! I hit jus' where I was aimin'"
> > "Bubba Shot the Jukebox!" Mark Chestnut, 1995
>
> In my opinion nothing beats a 102" stainless steel whip. 16 bucks at
> radio shack.

Shhhh. Dont tell them that its the best antenna you can buy. RS will
be flooded with demands for it and the price will go up.

605. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ian Tickle <ian@tickly.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <A7+2iCA6DKkzEwWG@tickly.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2418
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

In article <8J9sMTApFUjzEwKl@peaksys.demon.co.uk>, Roger Barker
<roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk> writes
>In article <01bc67e5$0a12b0a0$LocalHost@default>, David Walsh
><DavidJWalsh@msn.com> writes
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>>
>>Could anybody tell me if you know of any sites where there is maps within
>>Great Britan to download into APRS or if there is anybody who has made any
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>Is there any significant level of use of APRS anywhere in the UK?
>
If Packet nodes and BBS's sent their position in the Beacon Text as
suggested by the author of APRS, then a cheap and cheerful means of
frequency planning/ node activity monitoring would be avaliable.

Its dead easy to set up the text string in your Beacon text, you can
also inclued details of your o/p pwr, ant height, etc so that anyone
monitoring using APRS could see the effective range of a station, Node,
etc.

You don't need a copy of APRS to send your positional data, just to
monitor other stations would a copy be required.
--
Ian Tickle G4ZJH
Beaminster, W.Dorset

606. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-05-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ian Wade <ian@dowrmain.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <+1otnBAxYDkzEwhW@dowrmain.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2419
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

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>Thanks in advance for any information
>

APRS maps for Europe can be found at
ftp://ftp.tapr.org/tapr/SIG/aprssig/files/dosstuff/APRSdos/eumaps04.zip
Enjoy 73 Rick WB8TIF
--
Rick Szpyrka WB8TIF
Bloomfield Hills, MI USA
Email: wb8tif@cris.com or wb8tif@amsat.org
URL: http://www.concentric.net/~wb8tif

607. FS: Kenwood HF

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don & Monica Casella <casella1@ziplink.net>
Message-ID: <3391284C.1E11@ziplink.net>
Source record: 2420
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

Please see: > http://www.ziplink.net/~casella1/680s.html

608. Re: APRS - British maps?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Carl Littlejohns <carl@ambrosia.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <VA.000005df.062daa3d@ambrosia.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2421
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

> From: Ian Tickle <ian@tickly.demon.co.uk>
> Newsgroups:
alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur
> Subject: Re: APRS - British maps?
> Date: Sat, 31 May 1997 23:06:50 +0100
>
> In article <8J9sMTApFUjzEwKl@peaksys.demon.co.uk>, Roger Barker
> <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk> writes
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> frequency planning/ node activity monitoring would be avaliable.

I agree. But users are discouraged from setting beacons round 'year because of bandwidth. I can't see these folk turning anything other than purple at this (IMO most excellent) idea.

Carl
gw0tqm@ambrosia.demon.co.uk

609. June 15th - Father's Day Hamfest

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-0206971225330001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2332
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

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For more info contact:

Rich James, N8FIL 1-800-404-2282

or visit our web site at <http://www.cars.org> or

send e-mail to "hamfest@cars.org"

610. Re: June 15th - Father's Day Hamfest

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: HTA III <htaiii@swbell.net>
Message-ID: <33931B3D.1BCA@swbell.net>
Source record: 2333
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

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> or visit our web site at <http://www.cars.org> or
>
> send e-mail to "hamfest@cars.org"

> How about a location?????

611. Re: Mobile CB aerial suggestions?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: aruder@pipeline.com
Message-ID: <5muet0$5e7@camel7.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2422
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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>these at your friendly neighborhood truck stop for a total of about
>$20! Also works great as a scanner antenna.....but not so hot on 2 M!

>ck (proud owner of a 94 Trooper)

About using CB antennas on a 2-M rig; there is a 2-M strip-line
filter in the ARRL Handbook that I made one of, and it matches
2-M to CB antennas like crazy!

A foot of 1/2" copper tube and a var cap and a couple 50-ohm
connectors and a 2" X 2" X 14" box, and a bit of patience is all it
took.

Try it, you'll like it.

WB0NRU
Lou.

Prolific inventor,
Lousy Salesman,
Incompetent businessman.
(Typical)

612. Re: CW should die, not the "hobby"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: billsohl@planet.net
Message-ID: <5mukro$d3t@jupiter.planet.net>
Source record: 2423
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.ham-radio

kd1hz@anomaly.ideamation.com.nospam (Michael P. Deignan) wrote:

>In article <01bc62fc$b010c160$9a95f5ce@wa6vse.fast.net>,
> Carl R. Stevenson <wa6vse@fast.net> wrote:

>>The purpose of ham radio, in the eyes of the regulators (and the reason we
>>have bands to begin with) is primarily to encourage technical experimentation
>>and self-training ...

>You might want to re-read 97.1. Only 40% of 97.1 deals with technical
>matters. 60% of 97.1 deals with communications-related issues.

>>MD and others will disput this and try to play all sorts of word games to
>>try to make it seem otherwise, but the technical and public service aspects
>>of ham radio are ALL the regulators

>Technical != public service. Knowing how to build a radio does >not< make
>you an effective emergency traffic handler. These are two entirely
>different skill sets. The latter is by far more important than the former,
>even though you would never admit it. It only takes a few people to
>design something technically, whereas it takes hundreds or thousands to
>adopt it and use it efficiently. The interaction that public safety
>officials will have with hams is strictly on the communications end --
>how well they handle emergency traffic -- not on how well they can
>build a radio.
>MD

I agree with Michael on these points (sound of MD fainting from
shock :-). I believe that whatever one does to foster their
communications skills will, in the end, be beneficial for
emergency communications. That can include DX hunting,
contesting or just plain daily or frequent communications...as
long as proper procedures are used.

Bill Sohl K2UNK
ARRL Local Gov't Liaison, Mt. Olive Township, NJ
Visit the No-Code WEB site: http://www.nocode.org

613. Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jason Charles <jcharles@infoblvd.net>
Message-ID: <3394602A.508F@infoblvd.net>
Source record: 2334
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

I am looking for a video transmitter and receiver combination for my future R/C Aircraft. I would like to start out as inexpsensive as I can, so a black and white camera with no audio would be fine. If anyone knows of a good package deal, or offer any help on this subject I would greatly appreciate it! Thanks in advance!

Jason
KF4MOU

614. Re: Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dave VanHorn <dvanhorn@127.0.0.1>
Message-ID: <01bc7069$948ee140$59f135ce@hammer.stonewest.com>
Source record: 2335
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

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<3394602A.508F@infoblvd.net>...
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> of a good package deal, or offer any help on this subject I would
> greatly appreciate it! Thanks in advance!
>
> Jason
> KF4MOU

The ramsey kit works well, and is an afternoon build.
I think they still have some improvements to make on
grounding and layout, but it works, it's stable, and relatively
small. Use the audio channel with a rat shack voice module
to ID, (it has standard sound subcarrier!)

615. Re: Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Adam Parks"
Message-ID: <5n2aqc$7vv$1@news.wko.com>
Source record: 2336
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

I think you should try the website: www.supercicuits.com
It might give you some answers.

Adam

616. Re: Yupiteru Products

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Richard@LOWE.CO.UK
Message-ID: <865362911snz@LOWE.CO.UK>
Source record: 2337
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,aus.radio.scanner,de.alt.radio-scanner,hh.hamradio,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.am

In article <01bc717d$dc0cac40$6ae4f3c1@100076>
martyn@intecc.co.uk "Martyn Allison" writes:

> Hi,
> For the best deal in scanners and Amateur radio, may I suggest a visit to
> the Multicomm2000 web site, I have found them extreamly helpful in the
> past, they offer worldwide shipping of Yupiteru, AOR, Yaesu, Kenwood and
> Icom, to name just a few of the products that they sell, you will find them
> at http://www.Multicomm2000.com
>
> I know that their web site is not quite finished however from what I saw,
> they are close. They have a used equipment list that is updated every 2
> days
>
> I am sure that adding this site to your Favorate list will result in great
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> available. I understand that a section containing software and shareware
> will be added to their page in the near future.
>
> Best Regards
>
> Martyn
>

Well I never!

Seeing as how the author of this posting owns the company, he would (in
the famous words of Mandy Rice Davis) say that, wouldn't he!

Perhaps he suffers from schitzophrenia?

617. SERVICE MANUAL RED' DESPERATELY!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: philip de cadenet <phil@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bn7pkpA6rXlzEwMZ@two-way.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2338
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,aus.radio.amateur.misc,es.rec.radio.amateur,it.hobby.radioamatori,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb,uk.radio.amateur

I have a dud SVGA monitor ; MAG Technology Co., Ltd, Model MX14.
It has FCC ID No: IAWMX14 and is made in Taiwan.
I'm located in England and am happy to cover all costs. I'd rather try
and repair rather than have to spend out on a replacement unit.

73

Phil G4ZOW/M

618. Re: SERVICE MANUAL RED' DESPERATELY!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Geoff Blake <geoff@palaemon.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <EB9Mn8.3w4@palaemon.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2339
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,aus.radio.amateur.misc,es.rec.radio.amateur,it.hobby.radioamatori,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb,uk.radio.amateur

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Hi Phil,

I work in the PC maintenance industry and most of the time, manuals for monitors are as rare as rocking horse s**t. I am afraid that it is unlikely that you will get a service manual for any specific monitor. You could try Mauritron. We repair them by guesswork, skill and knowledge of generic monitor design.

What are the symptoms, I might be able to give you some pointers...

Geoff.
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Geoff Blake geoff@palaemon.demon.co.uk linux 2.0.29
Chelmsford g8gnz@g8gnz.ampr.org i586
Intel create faster processors - Microsoft create slower processes

619. Re: SERVICE MANUAL RED' DESPERATELY!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark Harrison <j.harrison@medoto.unimelb.edu.au>
Message-ID: <33962CCE.4433@medoto.unimelb.edu.au>
Source record: 2340
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,aus.radio.amateur.misc,es.rec.radio.amateur,it.hobby.radioamatori,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb,uk.radio.amateur

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>
> Phil G4ZOW/M

I've had lots of trouble finding circuits. Some manufacturers used to include a circuit with the monitor handbook - which is usually thrown out with the original packaging by the owner!

Try looking this WEB site for lots of good info on repairs, components, other info sources:
http://www.paranoia.com/~filipg/HTML/REPAIR/

Some manufacturers (and even repair shops) now have limited service info online. Some are even searchable by monitor type and fault description. They are pretty trese though, like Dead monitor - check R234, etc. Try this one:
http://www.anatekcorp.com/monitor.htm

Some manufacturers like Zenith regard monitors as disposable items and only repair by replacement!!!!

Good luck,
Mark Harrison
harrisonm@mail.medoto.unimelb.edu.au

620. Yupiteru Products

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martyn Allison <martyn@intecc.co.uk>
Message-ID: <01bc717d$dc0cac40$6ae4f3c1@100076>
Source record: 2341
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,aus.radio.scanner,de.alt.radio-scanner,hh.hamradio,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.am

Hi,
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I know that their web site is not quite finished however from what I saw, they are close. They have a used equipment list that is updated every 2 days

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Best Regards

Martyn

621. Re: Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don Britton <dbritton@sentex.net>
Message-ID: <3396D8F4.6C81@sentex.net>
Source record: 2342
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

Dave VanHorn wrote:
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> Jason Charles <jcharles@infoblvd.net> wrote in article
> <3394602A.508F@infoblvd.net>...
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> small. Use the audio channel with a rat shack voice module
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Try http://www.supercircuits.com

they specialize in r/c airborne video images for a reasonable price!
dbritton@sentex.net

622. Re: Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: SR <scott_reagan@ssa-sa.sel.sony.com>
Message-ID: <33983B7B.22E3@ssa-sa.sel.sony.com>
Source record: 2343
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

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> dbritton@sentex.net
What is the "Ramsey kit" and where can I get info on it?
Thanks
Scott

623. WTB- GE Master Pro-

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: dicken@bgnet.bgsu.edu
Message-ID: <5n9opkdkp1@infoserver.bgsu.edu>
Source record: 2344
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc

The Wood Cnty A.R.C. (Bowling Green, Ohio) is in need of a crystal
element for a G.E. Master Pro base unit. (440 / UHF)
This is a high tolerance crystal subset (crystal, and temperature
compensation components) that plugs into the transmitter.

If you have one (working only hi hi, ours quit) please contact me at
the following address: dicken@bgnet.bgsu.edu

Thankyou and 73 wd8icp

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624. Re: pse help ID GE mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Christopher W. (Chris) Boone" <cboone@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <33980F85.7371@earthlink.net>
Source record: 2345
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

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> RG56TFS66, or N.P. 243349
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> and
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If memory serves, what you have are GE MSTR EXEC II series...one
standard
and the other is the IMTS version....Best to use one radio as the rptr.
They are 60 watt models (the 5 in 56) and are in the 150-174 range (the
66 at the end) but they do tune to 2mtrs...
I'll see what I have in my docs on those models...
Chris
WB5ITT

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> They appear to be the same radios with different options.
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> Thanks to all,
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> Ron, N7TA

625. Re: June 15th - Father's Day Hamfest

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: dmoorman@interaccess.com
Message-ID: <dmoorman-0706971332490001@d72.dialnet1.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2346
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

In article <3393244F.6B14@magnolia.net>, "Richard B. Ahlvin"
<rahlvin@magnolia.net> wrote:

>HTA III wrote:
>>
>> Greg Kopp wrote:
>> >
>> > Please join us at the sixth annual
>> >
>> > Father's Day
>> > Hamfest
>> > Computer Show
>> > Electronics Fleamarket
>> >
>> > Sunday, June 15th, 1997
>> > 8AM - 1PM (Vendor setup 6AM)

>> > How about a location?????
>Where?

The Web page sez it's in Macedonia, Ohio.

Dave, K9SW

--
Dave Moorman Be big, don't belittle!
Downers Grove
Illinois, USA
http://homepage.interaccess.com/~dmoorman/index.html

626. Re: FS:HTX-212 MAKE OFFER!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: jstrohecker@jnjcs.com
Message-ID: <5nd7o9mj2@usenet.logical.net>
Source record: 2347
Cross-posted to: alabama.birmingham.radio.amateur,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap

In article <01bc6c4e$2c714180$943d2acf@avana.net>, KC4OXP@QSL.NET says...
>
>The title says it all. Make REASONABLE offer on this 9 Week old HTX-212
>(2 meter 45 watt) mobile. MUST sell, getting $$$ together to purchase a HF
>Rig.
>Radio comes with a transferable 3 year warrenty from Radio Shack!
>
>E-Mail offers to: KC4OXP@QSL.NET
>
>73 Daniel/KC4OXP

How about $150.00

627. Re: June 15th - Father's Day Hamfest

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Christopher A. King" <cking4@ford.com>
Message-ID: <339C6F36.4C4A@ford.com>
Source record: 2348
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

dmoorman@interaccess.com wrote:

> The Web page sez it's in Macedonia, Ohio.

They usually have one in Monroe, MI at the county fairgrounds on
Father's Day as well...

C.K.

628. Re: Video Transmitters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Richard Kunz <RAKunz@webspan.net>
Message-ID: <339CB28B.167D@webspan.net>
Source record: 2349
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.models.rc.air

SR wrote:
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> Scott
Go to http://www.ramseyelectronics.com
Hope this helps.
John

629. Handhelds and printer for sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: lisa lowell <ka0nno@cswnet.com>
Message-ID: <01bc7517$9ca6b580$7bd5dacd@lisa-lowell>
Source record: 2350
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet

For Sale:
440 handhelds

1. Icom 4AT new battery, wall charger and antenna $75.00

2. Kenwood 41AT battery, wall charger and antenna $75.00

220 handhelds

1. Kenwood TH-315A battery, belt clip, wall charger and antenna $100.00

2. Icom 3AT battery, wall charger and antenna $75.00

add $7.00 per item for shipping and insurance

Printer:
Epson LQ-570+ printer. Used only 4 mo. In new condition. Cost $250.00 will sell for $80.00 plus shipping and insurance. Includes manual

If interested call 501-389-6516 or email at ka0nno@cswnet.com

PS No trade items.

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Date: 1997-06-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: lisa lowell <ka0nno@cswnet.com>
Message-ID: <01bc7553$95451840$89d5dacd@lisa-lowell>
Source record: 2351
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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631. Re: pse help ID GE mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: n3ab@ptdprolog.net
Message-ID: <33a0b56d.3359985@news.ptdprolog.net>
Source record: 2352
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

On Fri, 06 Jun 1997 08:24:21 -0500, "Christopher W. (Chris) Boone"
<cboone@earthlink.net> wrote:

>Ron, N7TAW wrote:
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Wasn't the first unit listed an Exec I (not the Exec II) that used
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(from the mid to late 60s I think).

John N3AB

632. - rtty.txt [01/01]

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: bureauym@netvision.net.il
Message-ID: <5njroq$fm4_001@netvision.net.il>
Source record: 2353
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.shortwave

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Am interested in an off-the-shelf software package that will do the
following:

1. Receive incoming RTTY traffic (300 bps ASCII , 7 bit data, odd
parity) thru one of the PC's COM ports.

2. Capture and store traffic as individual text files on the PC's
hard disk. The 4N's sequence (NNNN) shall be used as EOM marker.

3. User should be able to retrieve, display and print these files
according to subject, date or text search string.

4. Some selcall capability is also desired, which means that only
text files that contain a user-defined text string are saved on
disk, others are ignored.

Comments, remarks and suggestions welcome.
Thanks in advance.

END -- Cut Here -- cut here

# #
Name: FBIS TA <Engineering>
Email: bureauym@netvision.net.il
Voice: +972 3 5176307 5161866
Fax: +972 3 5101247
# #

633. Re: Yupiteru Products

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: M Leyland <masale@globalnet.co.uk>
Message-ID: <01bc75cd$515c9a20$5e527ec2@default>
Source record: 2354
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,aus.radio.scanner,de.alt.radio-scanner,hh.hamradio,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.am

Am I mistook or don't you work for them Martyn? I seem to remember your
name
when I last bought a scanner.

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> days

634. Re: pse help ID GE mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Ron, N7TAW" <rh@pcez.com>
Message-ID: <339DCE55.783C@pcez.com>
Source record: 2355
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

John,

These things definately have tube finals, but the club has lots of
spares and they aren't interested in replacing the rigs at this time.

The stamps on one of the boards shows a "built" date of Dec, '72, so
you're in the right ballpark.

If you happen to have any of that old literature laying around, it would
be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Ron, N7TAW

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635. HOWARD SAM"S PHOTOFACT FOLDERS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "John P. Earl" <jpearl@interaccess.com>
Message-ID: <339E0AD9.7286@interaccess.com>
Source record: 2356
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

HOWARD SAM"S PHOTOFACT FOLDERS

HAVE THE FOLLOWING SETS:

148,189,227,240,264,269,304,314,324,347,360,388,371,387,429,481,496,532,542,547,

551,574,594,764,808,873,856,1178,1192 AND 1390.

30 SETS IN ALL.

WILL SHIP ALL FOR MONEY ORDER OF $20.

MOTOROLA CONSUMER PRODUCTS SERVICE MANUALS

ROUGHLY THE SAME VOLUME OF VARIOUS MODELS (EARLY) FOR ANOTHER $20.

REPLY TO dearl@juno.com

636. Re: Yupiteru Products

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: mulveyr@ll.aa2ys.ampr.org
Message-ID: <5nl7bumgi1@node2.frontiernet.net>
Source record: 2357
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,aus.radio.scanner,de.alt.radio-scanner,hh.hamradio,in.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.am

Guess what, Martyn? I would never buy from a company whose sales representatives have such low standards that they would place poorly disguised "testamonials" when trying to sell their products. If you can't be trusted to be up-front about your affiliation with Multicomm2000, why in the world would we trust you with our money? Liars don't tend to garner much trust from the buying public. "I found them extremely helpful", indeed.

You might want to think about how easily a quick search of Dejanews shows that you are actually part of Multicomm2000.

Now, please go away.

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>For the best deal in scanners and Amateur radio, may I suggest a visit to
>the Multicomm2000 web site, I have found them extreamly helpful in the
>past, they offer worldwide shipping of Yupiteru, AOR, Yaesu, Kenwood and
>Icom, to name just a few of the products that they sell, you will find them
>at http://www.Multicomm2000.com
>
>I know that their web site is not quite finished however from what I saw,
>they are close. They have a used equipment list that is updated every 2
>days
>
>I am sure that adding this site to your Favorate list will result in great
>savings and on the spot information about new products as they become
>available. I understand that a section containing software and shareware
>will be added to their page in the near future.
>
>Best Regards
>
>Martyn

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Rich Mulvey
mulveyr@frontiernet.net Rochester, NY USA
http://www.frontiernet.net/~mulveyr
Amateur Radio: aa2ys@amsat.org, aa2ys@wb2wxq.#wny.ny.usa

637. FOR TRADE: 2 meter Ringo Ranger II - WANT: 440 Ringo

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-1306971016350001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2358
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.swap

I currently have a Cushcraft Ringo Ranger II for 2 meters. I would like to TRADE this for a 440 MHz version of the same antenna.

OR ... I have a Hustler G-6 for 2 meters. I would be willing to trade the G-^ and the Ringo for a dual-band Ringo.

Please e-mail.

638. Primary College 1997 - SES - GB1PC

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Walsh <DavidJWalsh@msn.com>
Message-ID: <01bc76ab12185140LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2359
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,uk.radio.amateur

Hello everybody

From the week begging 7th July 1997, Cheshire Radio Scouting are helping out on PC97.

This event being held in a College in Crewe (Cheshire England) will allow many Primary Childern to experience radio, as one of the activity bases at this non curricular event.

Under the callsign GB1PC, we will be operating on the following bands /modes.

2 meters (144MHz) Voice 2 meters (144MHz) Packet
70 Centermeters (433MHz) Voice 70 Centermeters (433MHz) Packet
6mts (50MHz) Voice

If you are availble to talk to us you will be most welcome to do so.

The callsign for both voice and packet will be GB1PC and the BBS for the station wil be GB1PC@GB7SAM

Many thanks for reading this, and we hope to speak to you.

Cheshire Radio Scouing - Crest@qsl.net
AX25 GX7JOA@GB7LEN.#16.GBR.EU
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Message sent on behalf of Crest by:

David Walsh - M1AGJ - DavidJWalsh@msn.com

Important - This message has been cross posted to 4 newsgroups. Please take note that a "Reply to newsgroup" will automaticaly send your reply to the above newsgroups to which your reply may not be relevent

639. Re: - rtty.txt [01/01]

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Dr. Detlef Bunk" <tjp010@sp2.power.uni-essen.de>
Message-ID: <33A18573.53E1@sp2.power.uni-essen.de>
Source record: 2360
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.shortwave

bureauym@netvision.net.il wrote:
>
> BEGIN -- Cut Here -- cut here
> Am interested in an off-the-shelf software package that will do the
> following:
>
> 1. Receive incoming RTTY etc.

Look for the HAMCOM- PC-program.

Regards

640. FS: 22AMP METERED POWER SUPPLY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: francer@usa1.com
Message-ID: <01bc79d0$753b24a0$55e1f9cc@default>
Source record: 2361
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.amateur,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner

FOR SALE - New Condition Pyramid Gold Series Regulated Power Supply Model
Number PS-26K
Indididual Amp And Voltage Meters
Input: 115 VAC 60 Hz 500W Max. Fuse Protected
Front Panel Positive And Negative Output Leads
Power Switch: Illuminated 15Amp 125VAC
Output: Adjustable 6-15VDC 22 Amp Regulated Low Ripple Output
Overload Protection Devices & Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Over Temperature Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Built In Cooling Fan
Original Box, Instructions, And Schematic
New Condition
PRICE: $95.00 OBO PLUS SHIPPING. (Shipping Not Negotiable)

Charles Francer N1RPD

641. HELP: KAM (FSK) to Kenwood TS-450S

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-1706971001160001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2362
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.hf

I am trying to get my KAM all mode to do FSK on my Kenwood TS-450S. I wired the plug as directed to the back of the radio (the big 13 pin plug), but I have no luck getting FSK to work. PLUS, when the plug is in the radio, SSB goes to crap. There is so much garbage on my signal, you can't make out any voice, even though kenwood claims that the two are isolated.

Any help you can be in getting these two devices connected would be appreciated.

Greg N8JMS
gtk@mis.haselow.com
n8jms@cars.org
n8jms@n8itp.#neoh.oh.usa.na

642. Windows CE paltops and Packet?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Walsh <DavidJWalsh@msn.com>
Message-ID: <01bc7900$a36e3180$LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2363
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,uk.radio.amateur

Hello everybody.

After looking at the "new" palmtops with windows CE on them I feel it is a good way of "unlocking" the computer from simple tasks as 4 people seem to want to use the computer at once at the momemt.

Anyway I was wondering if anybody knows if it is possible to use one of these to work on packet radio (specifically the HP 300/ 320LX or the cassiopiea) and what software /hardware is needed.

Many thanks in advance.
--
David Walsh - M1AGJ - DavidJWalsh@msn.com
http://www.wararc.home.ml.org

Important: This message has been cross posted to severn (7) Newsgroups. When replying to this message please make sure your reply is relevent to all newsgroups that you are replying to, if one or more is not please remove it before positng to save bandwith and also to keep postings relevent to newsgroups

643. Re: Windows CE paltops and Packet?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: soxlade@clara.net
Message-ID: <33a9ad00.17341982@news.clara.net>
Source record: 2364
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,uk.radio.amateur

On 19 Jun 1997 19:03:32 GMT, "David Walsh" <DavidJWalsh@msn.com>
wrote:

>Hello everybody.
<snip>
>Anyway I was wondering if anybody knows if it is possible to use one of
>these to work on packet radio (specifically the HP 300/ 320LX or the
>cassiopiea) and what software /hardware is needed.
>
I recommend you go for the Psion - either the 3A or 3C. There are
plenty of packet, sat, log and other ham radio type programms for
them. They are great machines but to be fair, I am biased as I have a
3A. Go for it !!!!! :)

Stephen

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Stephen
soxlade@aol.com
soxlade@clara.net

644. Re: - rtty.txt [01/01]

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: bytek <bytek@tinet.ie>
Message-ID: <01bc7d6d$fa671c60$bee0869f@veronica>
Source record: 2365
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.shortwave

have you looked at the PROCOMM PLUS COMMS SOFTWARE ??

I have used this software to handle news wire text at various baud rates
and to look for catch words in the file headers for saving files to disk.
The script language for programing procomm plus iseasy to use to set up the
for your requirements.
I think DATASTORM is the software house that wrote procomm plus try a
search on the Net.
If you require other info please e-mail me at tonyfay@indigo.ie

regards, Tony EI6EQB

bureauym@netvision.net.il wrote in article
<5njroq$fm4_001@netvision.net.il>...
> BEGIN -- Cut Here -- cut here
> Am interested in an off-the-shelf software package that will do the
> following:
>
> 1. Receive incoming RTTY traffic (300 bps ASCII , 7 bit data, odd
> parity) thru one of the PC's COM ports.
>
> 2. Capture and store traffic as individual text files on the PC's
> hard disk. The 4N's sequence (NNNN) shall be used as EOM marker.
>
> 3. User should be able to retrieve, display and print these files
> according to subject, date or text search string.
>
> 4. Some selcall capability is also desired, which means that only
> text files that contain a user-defined text string are saved on
> disk, others are ignored.
>
> Comments, remarks and suggestions welcome.
> Thanks in advance.
>
> END -- Cut Here -- cut here
>
> #
> # Name: FBIS TA <Engineering> #
> # Email: bureauym@netvision.net.il #
> # Voice: +972 3 5176307 5161866 #
> # Fax: +972 3 5101247 #
> #
>

645. Re: - rtty.txt [01/01]

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: <>
Message-ID: <33b6bb56.6895480@netnews.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2366
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.shortwave

On Wed, 11 Jun 1997 05:06:05 GMT, barryo@fastlink.com.au (Barry
O'Grady) wrote:

>Amateur RTTY is 45.45 bps baudot, 5 bit data, no parity, and
>commercial RTTY is 50 bps. So your software package is completly
>useless.
>
>
>It's better that you find out now than go around thinking you have
>acheived something. Maybe you can modify it so that it can be used.
>Remember, 45.45 and 50 baud 5 bit code baudot.
>
>Barry
>

Barry, read it again, carefully this time. He isn't selling anything
he is "interested in an off-the-shelf software package that will do
the :following:" I take it he is lokking to buy something.

So..... as you say,.

"It's better that you find out now than go around thinking you have
acheived something."

Steve

646. 100hours contest

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-06-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: maury <i862@rocketmail.com>
Message-ID: <5p8a75$6nr$2@menelao.polito.it>
Source record: 2367
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.shortwave,uk.radio.amateur

Just a reminder: tomorrow will start the 100 hours contest
for listeners over HF and sat bands. The rules are in the
contest page on the 425 site:
http://www-dx.deis.unibo.it/htdx/
Good luck
Maury

647. FS: Alinco DJ-580T & more

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Chris A." <chrisa@www.webwide.net>
Message-ID: <33B9B1E0.1ADF3777@www.webwide.net>
Source record: 2368
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio.amateur.club.clarc,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio-shack,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.digital,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.noncomm

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Here is what I have for sale.
If any more info is needed please e-mail me at the following address.
ChrisA@WebWide.net

Alinco DJ-580T $250.00
Bearcat BC200XLT $125.00
Uniden 10 Channel $45.00
Radio Shack Pro-37 $150.00
Kantronics KPC-3 $100.00

All of this equipment has more to it than listed. If you need more info
e-mail me at (ChrisA@Webwide.net) Make a reasonable offer if price is
not to your expectations.
Thanks
Chris

648. MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: ralph@TeamInfinity.com
Message-ID: <5pg0b8$732@teaminfinity.com>
Source record: 2369
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

http://TeamInfinity.com/~ralph/decl.interdependence.html
http://TeamInfinity.com/ookkcc.html
http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html

It has recently come to my attention that this July 4, 1997
will be the first Independence Day where a US Military band does not
perform on the steps of the US Capitol.

Instead, this year, the UNITED NATIONS BAND will be performing on the
steps of the United States Capitol on "Independence" Day instead of OUR US
MILITARY BAND.

I guess it wont be long before we call it INTER-dependence Day, I guess that
is just a technicality at this juncture.

ralph@TeamInfinity.com

If you need Congress' Email list let me know.

Below this you will find President Clinton's recent (3/7/97) Press
Conference wherein he did NOT refute massive UN/International armed forces
presence in US and in fact called for MORE interdependence as opposed to
INDEPENDENCE. ralph@TeamInfinity.com

Do you live in Minnesota? Do you know that your government officially,
through law, made you a citizen of the world? Were you asked if you wanted
to be a citizen of the world? You should be honored to be among the first
people in America to hold this status. I supose that now you are ready for
One World Government. Congratulations.

Declaration of Interdependence (1976)
>From the Congressional Record, Vol. 122, Part 17, pp. 21076-21077
(94th Congress, 2nd Session)

THE MINNESOTA ENDORSEMENT OF THE DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

HON. DONALD M. FRASER OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 28, 1976

Mr. FRASER. Mr. Speaker, largely through the efforts of Mr. Lynn
M.Elling, the Minnesota Endorsement of the Declaration of
Interdependence is a reality.

Enough publicity has attended Henry Steele Commager's effort so
that it is unnecessary for me to further identify the Declaration of
Interdependence.

However, I would like to introduce the text of the declaration into the RECORD:

A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE
(By Henry Steele Commager)

When in the course of history the threat of extinction confronts mankind, it is necessary for the people of The United States to declare their interdependence with the people of all nations and to embrace those principles and build those institutions which will enable mankind to survive and civilization to flourish.

Two centuries ago our forefathers brought forth a new nation; now we must join with others to bring forth a new world order. On this historic occasion it is proper that the American people should reaffirm those principles on which the United States of America was founded, [brought to you by:ralph@TeamInfinity.com http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html] acknowledge the new crises which confront them, accept the new obligations which history imposes upon them, and set forth the causes which impel them to affirm before all peoples their commitment to a Declaration of Interdependence.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that the inequalities and injustices which afflict so much of the human race are the product of history and society, not of God or nature; that people everywhere are entitled to the blessings of life and liberty, peace and security and the realization of their full potential; that they have an inescapable moral obligation to preserve those rights for posterity; and that to achieve these ends all the people and nations of the globe should acknowledge their interdependence and join together to dedicate their minds and their hearts to the solution of those problems which threaten their survival.

To establish a new world order of compassion, peace, justice and security, it is essential that mankind free itself from the limitations of national prejudice, and acknowledge that the forces that unite it are incomparably deeper than those that divide it--that all people are part of one global community, dependent on one body of resources, bound together by the ties of a common humanity and associated in a common adventure on the planet Earth.

Let us then join together to vindicate and realize this great truth that mankind is one, and as one will nobly save or irreparably lose the heritage of thousands of years of civilization. And let us set forth the principles which should animate and inspire us if our civilization is to survive.

We affirm that the resources of the globe are finite, not infinite, that they are the heritage of no one nation or generation, but of all peoples, nations and of posterity, and that our deepest obligation is to transmit to that posterity a planet richer in material bounty, in beauty and in delight than we found it. Narrow notions of national sovereignty must not be permitted to curtail that obligation.

We affirm that the exploitation of the poor by the rich, and the weak by the strong violates our common humanity and denies to large segments of society the blessings of life, liberty and happiness. We [brought to you by:ralph@TeamInfinity.com http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html] recognize a moral obligation to strive for a more prudent and more equitable sharing of the resources of the earth in order to ameliorate poverty, hunger and disease.

We affirm that the resources of nature are sufficient to nourish and sustain all the present inhabitants of the globe and that there is an obligation on every society to distribute those resources equitably, along with a corollary obligation upon every society to assure that its population does not place upon Nature a burden heavier than it can bear.

We affirm our responsibility to help create conditions which will make for peace and security and to build more effective machinery for keeping peace among the nations. Because the insensate accumulation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons threatens the survival of Mankind we call for the immediate reduction and eventual elimination of these weapons under international supervision. We deplore the reliance on force to settle disputes between nation states and between rival groups within such states.

We affirm that the oceans are the common property of mankind whose dependence on their incomparable resources of nourishment and strength will, in the next century, become crucial for human survival, and that their exploitation should be so regulated as to serve the interests of the entire globe, and of future generations.

We affirm that pollution flows with the waters and flies with the winds, that it recognizes no boundary lines and penetrates all defenses, that it works irreparable damage alike to Nature and to mankind--threatening with extinction the life of the seas, the flora and fauna of the earth, the health of the people in cities and the countryside alike--and that it can be adequately controlled only through international cooperation.

We affirm that the exploration and utilization of outer space is a matter equally important to all the nations of the globe and that no nation can be permitted to exploit or develop the potentialities of the planetary system exclusively for its own benefit.

We affirm that the economy of all nations is a seamless web, and that no one nation can any longer effectively maintain its processes of [brought to you by:ralph@TeamInfinity.com http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html] production and monetary systems without recognizing the necessity for collaborative regulation by international authorities.

We affirm that in a civilized society, the institutions of science and the arts are never at war and call upon all nations to exempt these institutions from the claims of chauvinistic nationalism and to foster that great community of learning and creativity whose benign function it is to advance civilization and the health and happiness of mankind.

We affirm that a world without law is a world without order, and we call upon all nations to strengthen and to sustain the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and other institutions of world order, and to broaden the jurisdiction of the World Court, that these may preside over a reign of law that will not only end wars but end as well that mindless violence which terrorizes our society even in times of peace.

We can no longer afford to make little plans, allow ourselves to be the captives of events and forces over which we have no control, consult our fears rather than our hopes. We call upon the American people, on the threshold of the third century of their national existence, to display once again that boldness, enterprise, magnanimity and vision which enabled the founders of our Republic to bring forth a new nation and inaugurate a new era in human history.

The fate of humanity hangs in the balance. Throughout the globe, hearts and hopes wait upon us. We summon all Mankind to unite to meet the great challenge.

The Minnesota endorsement is simply that--strong support and endorsement of the Declaration of Interdependence by the political leaders of the State: the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the majority, and minority leaders of both Houses of the State legislature and the constitutional officers of the State.

In addition, a group of Minnesotans including the chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, both U.S. Senators, the leaders of both major political parties and other important citizens, commended, in a further endorsement, the State officials for lending their names to the project.

Mr. Elling has done a magnificent job. In this 200th year of our independence, the Declaration of Interdependence is an appropriate Bicentennial document, affirming, among other things, those principles upon which the United States was founded and recognizing the new crises that confront us.

The Minnesota endorsement follows:

THE MINNESOTA ENDORSEMENT OF THE
DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

Recognizing the urgent need to move ahead with this Bicentennial Project, and Further recognizing Minnesota's leadership role in promoting World Citizenship with the first State Declaration,

Be it resolved that it is appropriate and fitting for this great state to offer strong support and endorsement of This Declaration of Interdependence.

Be it further resolved that as a symbol of our support for this [brought to you by:ralph@TeamInfinity.com http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html] Declaration, we continue to proudly display the United Nations flag with the United States flag at the State Capitol.

Finally, we urge the leadership of all other states to take similar
action.

Effective Law Day, May 1, 1976.
Wendell R. Anderson, Governor, State of Minnesota.
Nicholas D. Coleman, Senate Majority Leader.
Robert O. Ashbach, Senate Minority Leader.
Jim Lord, State Treasurer.
Rudy Perpich, Lt. Governor.
Martin O. Sabo, Speaker of the House.
Joan Growe, Secretary of State.
Warren Spannaus, Attorney General.
Irv Anderson, House Majority Leader.
Henry J. Savelkoul, House Minority Leader.
Robert W. Mattson, State Auditor.

We, the undersigned, commend the State Officials for this endorsement
of The Declaration of Interdependence. We urge other states, our nation and
[brought to you by:ralph@TeamInfinity.com http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html]
other nations to follow this example, which is a valuable step in building a
World Community of Peace Under Just Law:

Don Fraser, Member of Congress.
Charles H. Slocum, Chairman, Independent-Republicans of Minn.
Earl D. Craig, Jr., President, Mpls. Urban Coalition.
George C. Mastor, President, Minn. State Bar Assn.
T. M. Richter, President, World Federalists Assoc.
Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. Senator.
David Roe, President, Minn. AFL-CIO.
Robert J. Sheran, Chief Justice, Minn. Supreme Court.
Jerry Jenkins, President, League of Women Voters.
John R. Roach, Archbishop of Minneapolis & St. Paul.
Walter F. Mondale, U.S. Senator.
Rick Scott, Chairman, Minn. DFL Party.
A. C. Lehman, Jr., Exec. Director, Minn. Council of Churches.
C. Peter Magrath, President, University of Minnesota.
John Edie, President, UNA of Minn.

CLINTON does NOT deny UN takeover of US in Press Conference
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In fact he takes the opportunity to go into great detail about how what he
is NOT denying IS in fact NECESSARY... BTW, I have just heard that FEMA
troops in Kentucky and Tennessee that are assisting in the FLOOD are wearing
Blue Berets similar if not identical to UN BERETS... ralph@TeamInfinity.com

From the 1997-03-07 Presidential Press Conference:

Q Sir, this is on another subject. We have a very great
problem in this country today, and I wonder if you would use your
leadership to counteract the rumor-mongers that are abroad in the land

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who are spreading all these rumors that are scaring people to death --
large segments of our citizens believe that the United Nations is taking
over whole blocks of counties in Kentucky and Tennessee.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q And some of them, they believe that --

THE PRESIDENT: Now, you all are laughing, but --

Q -- you're going to put us in a concentration camp and
you're going to give our army to Russia and all that baloney. Could you
do something about this? Because it's hurting the unity of the United
States.

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know, because the people who
believe that think I'm the problem. (Laughter.) We're all laughing
about it, but there is a not insubstantial number of people who believe
that there is a plan out there for world domination and I'm trying to
give American sovereignty over to the U.N. There was a --I read in our
local Arkansas newspaper, one of them the other day had a letter to the
editor saying that, there I go again, there's Clinton out there trying
to give American sovereignty over to the United Nations.

Let me just say this: For people that are worried about
it, I would say, there is a serious issue here that every American has
to come to grips with, including Americans that don't much think about
foreign policy until some great problem occurs, and that is, how can we
be an independent, sovereign nation leading the world in a world that is
increasingly interdependent, that requires us to cooperate with other
people and then to deal with very difficult circumstances in trying to
determine how best to cooperate.

That's the issue that you will all be reporting on for the
next week in the Mexico certification issue. Did I do the right thing
to certify Mexico? Are the members of Congress who disagree with me
right when they say we should have decertified Mexico and then give it a
national interest waiver so we could continue to cooperate economically
and in others ways?

I strongly believe I was right. But we don't -- if you
want to go into that, we can later, but the issue is, we live in an
interdependent world. We have to cooperate with people. We're better
off when we do. We're better off with NATO. We're better off with the
United Nations. We're better off when these countries can work
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together. So I just think for folks that are worried about this out in
the country, they need to be thinking about how -- we're not going to
give up our freedom, our independence, but we're not going to go it
alone into the 21st century either. We're going to work together and we
have to.

El Jeffe, El Capiton, Generalissimo Klintonista speaks out
about the US Constitution:

"When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical
Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of
individual freedom to Americans ..."

"And so a lot of people say there's too much personal freedom. When
personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it. That's what
we did in the announcement I made last weekend on the public housing
projects, about how we're going to have weapon sweeps and more things like
that to try to make people safer in their communities."

President Bill Clinton, 3-22-94, MTV's "Enough is Enough"

"We can't be so fixated on our desire
to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans ..."

Bill Clinton (USA TODAY, 11 March 1993, page 2A)

Why cant any of these be considered a violation of the oath of
office to uphold the Constitution and qualify as TREASON !!

"Gun registration is not enough." Attorney General Janet Reno, December 10,
1993 (Associated Press)

"Waiting periods are only a step. Registration is only a step. The
prohibition of private firearms is the goal." - Janet Reno

"What good does it do to ban some guns. All guns should be banned." Sen.
Howard Metzanbaum

"Our task of creating a socialist America can only succeed when those who
would resist us have been totally disarmed." Sara Brady, Chairman, Handgun
Control, to Sen. Howard Metzanbaum, The National Educator, January 1994,
Page 3.

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ralph@TeamInfinity.com (I can get you SAPF films/tapes/materials,
"Harry's War" the suppressed film, Tragedy & Hope the book,
US/UN/DontTreadonMe FLAGS, bumperstickers YardSigns & T-Shirts,
inquire)

http://TeamInfinity.com/~ralph/code/t26.html

http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html

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CALL 703-904-7770 ask for document 777
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TO STOP RECEIVING email from ralph: send email to ralph@TeamInfinity.com and in the Subject make sure your email address and the word WHOA-RALPH (no spaces) is in the subject.

649. 55', Three Section Crank Up Tower- Heavy Duty Galvanized, SW Florida

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: mrymer@peganet.com
Message-ID: <33bbf74e.1862182@news.peganet.net>
Source record: 2370
Cross-posted to:
alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap

55 Foot, 3 Section Heavy Duty Galvanized Crank-Up Antenna Tower.
Cable fairly new but pulleys probably need replacing. Minor surface
rust only at base. Purchased used last year but never put up. Tower
is located in Cape Coral Florida which is on the SW Coast. This tower
is approx 24' long in it's down position and weighs about 250-300
pounds. First $175.00 CASH (FIRM) takes it away. Don't miss this
one. Please e-mail me with any questions you might have about this
tower.

mrymer@peganet.com

Thanks,
Mike

650. Re: MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: jackmor@iglou.com
Message-ID: <jackmor-ya02408000R0307971525150001@news.iglou.com>
Source record: 2371
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

In article <5pg0b8$732@teaminfinity.com>, ralph@TeamInfinity.com (Ralph) wrote:

> http://TeamInfinity.com/~ralph/decl.interdependence.html
> http://TeamInfinity.com/ookkcc.html
> http://TeamInfinity.com/urls.html
>
> It has recently come to my attention that this July 4, 1997
> will be the first Independence Day where a US Military band does not
> perform on the steps of the US Capitol.
>
> Instead, this year, the UNITED NATIONS BAND will be performing on the
> steps of the United States Capitol on "Independence" Day instead of OUR US
> MILITARY BAND.
>
> I guess it wont be long before we call it INTER-dependence Day, I guess that
> is just a technicality at this juncture.
>

Ralph,

THE UNITED NATIONS BAND ?
I didn't know that the UN has a band, well good for them.
Jack.

651. Re: MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Michael Brandon <Michael_Brandon@rta.nsw.gov.au>
Message-ID: <33BC3D94.E06@rta.nsw.gov.au>
Source record: 2372
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

And the relevance of this to shortwave radio is?

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solely those of the author and do not necessarily
represent in whole or in part the position of the RTA
Ralph wrote:

652. FS: POWER SUPPLY $95 Metered

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: francer@usa1.com
Message-ID: <01bc8840$01eb17c0$a20f82d0@default>
Source record: 2373
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.radio.amateur,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE - MINT Pyramid Gold Series Regulated Power Supply
Model Number PS-26K
Indididual* Amp And Voltage Meters*
Input: 115 VAC 60 Hz 500W Max. Fuse Protected
Front Panel Positive And Negative Output Leads
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Output: Adjustable 6-15VDC 22 Amp Regulated Low Ripple Output
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Over Temperature Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Built In Cooling Fan
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New Condition
PRICE: $95.00 PLUS SHIPPING. (Shipping Not Negotiable)

Charles Francer N1RPD
PLEASE SEND E-MAIL TO: francer@usa1.com

653. Re: MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: Graham <not@public.com>
Message-ID: <01bc889b$1a594e20$301796d0@graham.surfsouth.com>
Source record: 2374
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

You can thank the communist asswipe we have for a president for crap like that.

--
Graham

"Mr President, your proctologist called, they found your head."

654. Re: Help Identify This Key.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: 3W8PE1B <willi6@erols.com>
Message-ID: <33C11BFD.73B6@erols.com>
Source record: 2288
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Bob Snyder wrote:
>
> It's a black military(?) key, large knob about 1" high, larger at the top.
> There is a base below the knob that is about 1" round. From the knob. the
> lever goes straight back for about 1.5" with a 1/4" rise. Then the lever
> becomes horse shoe shaped. In between the horse shoe are the adjustment
> screws. Behind that is a black plastic cap that covers the connectors. On
> the left hand side is the sequence: CJB26008A
>
> Thanks in advance for any information.

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Bob,

Hopefully, you will also get responses from some of the other key collectors
who are more knowledgeable than I am on specific variants. Your key sounds
like a typical "flameproof" / "Navy" key. I have a couple of those in
my collection, although at the moment it is boxed up so I am unable to
check that number. The flameproof come from the contacts not showing,
and the Navy (guess) from the fact that there is a base under the knob.

The other point towards the Navy is the "Contractor Code", which I learned
in the July 1993 issue of the Vail Correspondent was adopted in 1916. The
later codes (ca. WW-II, etc) have the CCC-######-C pattern, with the center
figure often in the 26000 range. CJB is "Contract" Jesse Bunnell, a good
name in the telegraph key business. 26008-A is the more specific model
and variations. //I'm wondering if this is "26003-A" with a blurred or
misread "3" vs. "8" .....

There are a number of excellent WEB sites that you can find through the
various search engines, plus they point to each other. Many have
photos.

Try http://fhonix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/ref.html

for a starter, he has links to others. Regards, Dave K7HMP

655. FS: Yaesu FT8000R Dualband mobil $430

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: SDH <sdharris@gate.net>
Message-ID: <01bc8b00$4a385d40$6125e3c7@tower>
Source record: 2289
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,att.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

The radio is only 4 Months old and in GREAT condition. Still have box, cables and mounting bracket. This radio has been moded for out of band TX and will recieve the 900 Mhz cordless/ ham band which is now blocked on newer ft8000 and ft8100. Cellular is still blocked and I know of no mod for this. Will recieve 110Mhz (AM) ~ 550Mhz / 750Mhz~1330Mhz.

$430.00+shipping.

Sean
sdharris@gate.net

656. Re: FS: Kenwood TS430S HF $400

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jack Komisarek <n1lsw@ncia.net>
Message-ID: <33C18F20.2182@ncia.net>
Source record: 2290
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.am,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.ssb,att.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

SDH wrote:
>
> Kenwood TS430S for sale. Has been moded for out of band TX.
> $400.00+shipping OBO
>
> Sean
> sdharris@gate.net
Hello, what is the best price you can do on that 440???? let me
know. 73s Jack

657. Help Identify This Key.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-07 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bob Snyder <rsnyder@pcisys.net>
Message-ID: <01bc8a86$0a46e3c0$bdf7cccf@rocky>
Source record: 2375
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

It's a black military(?) key, large knob about 1" high, larger at the top. There is a base below the knob that is about 1" round. From the knob. the lever goes straight back for about 1.5" with a 1/4" rise. Then the lever becomes horse shoe shaped. In between the horse shoe are the adjustment screws. Behind that is a black plastic cap that covers the connectors. On the left hand side is the sequence: CJB26008A

Thanks in advance for any information.

658. Decode TLM from Rover Mars Pathfinder

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: maury <i862@rocketmail.com>
Message-ID: <5pt267qvb1@menelao.polito.it>
Source record: 2291
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.space,uk.radio.amateur

Download the program to decode TL from Rover Mars Pathfinder

http://www-dx.deis.unibo.it/htdx/

Comments and suggestions welcome.
73, Maury

659. Re: MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: ad058@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca
Message-ID: <5ptlje$55p$1@missing.link.ca>
Source record: 2292
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

Graham (not@public.com) wrote:
: You can thank the communist asswipe we have for a president for crap like
: that.

: --
: Graham

: "Mr President, your proctologist called, they found your head."
Time to crack open the political science texts again if you think that Clinton is a "communist." In any case it beats me how Americans can be paranoid of the UN as your government is the de facto boss of the damn outfit anyways.

tim gueguen ad058@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca

660. FORSALE: ICOM IC-2SAT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: Steve Beecher <stevebe@fsba.com>
Message-ID: <01bc8be8$5938a7d0$69388ece@cheri>
Source record: 2293
Cross-posted to: att.ham-radio,dc.ham-radio,fj.rec.ham,slac.rec.ham_radio,rec.ham-radio

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For Sale:

- Icom IC-2SAT 144MHz FM tranciever
- FA-14088 antenna
- BC-74A charger/transformer
- car power adapter
- UT-51 programmable tone encoder
- 2 X BP-90 AA battery packs
- 2 X BP-83 rechargable battery packs
- BA-12 battery quick-charge adapter
- BC-80A desktop charger

all relatively new with original boxes and manuals

asking $250.00 OBO...

E-mail stevebe@fsba.com if interested...

--s
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661. Re: MAJOR HEADS UP: This INTER-dependence Day: UN BAND will PLAY !!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-08 00:00:00 UTC
From: kmdxer <kmdxer@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <33C1EBF1.2600@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2294
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

TIMOTHY GUEGUEN wrote:
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> Graham (not@public.com) wrote:
> : You can thank the communist asswipe we have for a president for crap like
> : that.
>
> : --
> : Graham
>
> : "Mr President, your proctologist called, they found your head."
> Time to crack open the political science texts again if you think that
> Clinton is a "communist." In any case it beats me how Americans can be
> paranoid of the UN as your government is the de facto boss of the damn
> outfit anyways.
>
> tim gueguen ad058@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca

Hey Tim,

Thanks for setting all the rednecks straight

662. SBE Sidebander 23ch:Need tune-up info and schematics

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Christopher D. Rumbaugh" <rumcd@open.org>
Message-ID: <01bc8fa8$e74b9820$9d6802c7@c---g-s-pc>
Source record: 2295
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.hf,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

WTD tune-up info and schematics for old 23ch SBE Console Sidebander. Also would appreciate info on 10M conversion (if poss?!?!) I have one found at a thriftstore, it needs help badly!

Thanks and 73

-chRISTOpher
rumcd@open.org

663. HELP: Need Info on Alliance HD-73 rotor FAST

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@*NOSPAM*mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-1407971149070001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2296
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.hf

When replying to this message, please send e-mail directly, BUT, you must first remove the *NOSPAN* from my e-mail address above. I'm tired of learning how to earn $50,000 in a month! :)

I need information on an Alliance HD-73. I bought one a couple weeks ago, but the previous owner was unablt to locate the paperwork. If you have a manual, I'd be glad to pay for a copy. But I really need to know a few things:

What is it worth? (Did I get ripped off?)

What are the specifications of the rotor?
Maximum weight, wind load, torque, etc.

I MAY be putting this thing under my HF antenna this weekend and would certainly appreciate it if I can avoid making a mistake.

Greg N8JMS

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Replying to this message WILL NOT WORK. Remove "*NOSPAM*" from the address above if you wish to send e-mail.

Greg

664. Icom F-3

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: kral@hpl.hp.com
Message-ID: <5qeel4$6km@hplms2.hpl.hp.com>
Source record: 2297
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

Looking for information on how to field program
the new Icom F-3 commercial radio.

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Joseph Kral
Hewlett-Packard Laboratories
kral@hpl.hp.com

665. Re: Icom F-3

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: gfiber@news.cmc.net
Message-ID: <33cb72f0.1826622@news.cmc.net>
Source record: 2298
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

On 15 Jul 1997 00:01:40 GMT, kral@hpl.hp.com (Joseph Kral) wrote:

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>Looking for information on how to field program
>the new Icom F-3 commercial radio.
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>Joseph Kral
>Hewlett-Packard Laboratories
>kral@hpl.hp.com
You need the EX1961 software and OPC-478 cloning cable

Gary
THIS REPLY DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY OFFICIAL POSITION of
MY EMPLOYER. It represents only MY PERSONAL opinion.

666. Need help with selecting equipment!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: matth@netacc.net
Message-ID: <matth-ya02408000R1507972101010001@news.netacc.net>
Source record: 2299
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

I am looking for help selecting a new rig, I am just starting out in this hobby and am looking for a transeiver with 6M and 2M (any additional wouldn't hurt) or an HF w/ 6M and 2M. I am looking to spend about $1,000 for my entire setup, at the moment I am looking at the Icom IC-706MKII, it is a HF+6M+2M, a little more than I wanted to spend but will if it is all I can find.

If you can help me or give me some info (antenna info as well) please send me e-mail at: Matth@netacc.net, or at lease forward a copy to my e-mail, thanks in advance!!!

Matt

matth@netacc.net

667. Re: HELP: Need Info on Alliance HD-73 rotor FAST

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: k4rs@iu.net
Message-ID: <33cd2699.8717465@news.iu.net>
Source record: 2300
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.hf

On Mon, 14 Jul 1997 11:49:07 -0400, gtk@*NOSPAM*mis.haselow.com (Greg Kopp) wrote:

>I need information on an Alliance HD-73. I bought one a couple weeks ago,
>but the previous owner was unablt to locate the paperwork. If you have a
>manual, I'd be glad to pay for a copy. But I really need to know a few
>things:
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>What is it worth? (Did I get ripped off?)
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>What are the specifications of the rotor?
>Maximum weight, wind load, torque, etc.
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>I MAY be putting this thing under my HF antenna this weekend and would
>certainly appreciate it if I can avoid making a mistake.
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>Greg N8JMS

From the HD-73 Owner's Manual:

The HD-73-1 has the heaviest pitch gear teeth (steel hardened) of any rotator in its size and price range.

The HD-73-1 control unit features TWO-SPEED rotation with one five-position switch. This presents a one revolu-
tion per minute speed for rotating over an extended are and a slower speed for adjustment of, say, several degrees one way or the other for fine adjustments for the best signal on receiving and transmitting.

The rotator not only has a readily accessible externally located fuse for total unit protection, it also has an internally mounted automatic reset thermal protector for the motor and transformer against shorts or possible connection error or prolonged operation.

A large, back-illuminated 3 1/2" Jewell D'Arsonval, Taut Band, linear, full scale 100 swing, meter is calibrated in bold S-W-N-E-S as well as a degree-graduated scale.

The meter direction indicating voltage supply is solid state voltage regulated for meter indication accuracy regardless of wide line voltage or load variation; the regulating range is 105 to 129 volts.

The HD-73-1 rotor was designed to operate antennas with a maximum of 10.7 square feet of wind load area when properly installed.

Diameter of rotator unit -- 8".
Mast mounting size range -- 1-3/8" O.D. to 2-1/2" O.D.
Mounting option -- in tower (preferred), or on tower or mast.
Cable -- 6 conductor.
Voltage input -- 117 volts A.C., 60 hertz, + 12 volts.
Rotator weight (bare) -- 6-3/4 lbs.
Rotator with 1 pair antenna brackets -- 9-1/8 lbs.
Rotator with 2 pair brackets -- 11-1/2 lbs.
Shipping weight -- 17 lbs.
Rotator speed -- Dual -- 1 R.P.M. and a pinpoint slower speed.
Motor -- capacitor split phase, reversible. Motor voltage -- 20 volts A.C. No voltage on motor or leads exceeds U.L. safety limits.
Transformer, power -- Double protected -- fuse and thermal protectors.
Meter -- D.C. D'Arsonval, taut band. Meter scale -- S.W.N.E.S. and degree scale.

WIND LOAD INFORMATION

Severe installation and duty requirements are placed upon antenna rotors and supports by communication antenna arrays. The factors involved in such installations have been under investigation for many years to determine the effect of such requirements on antenna rotators, and how to design and manufacture rotators that will support and operate antennas under the very adverse conditions that exist in some localities. These locations are not only those of high wind velocity but also those of additional ice loading and severe conditions that exist during periods of blizzard and peak gusts of wind that occur in many areas.

The Unites States Weather Bureau furnished fastest mile per hour velocity figures from many recording stations around the United States. Measurements have been made of the relationship of gusts for fastest miles per hour data by the Bureau showing that gusts exceed fastest wind velocity data generally by 30%.

As a result of the above, the Electronic Industry Association (EIA) has recommended a wind loading standard of 30#/sq. ft. of projected surface for the purpose of design by United States manufacturers. This corresponds to a wind velocity of 110 mph. The use of this standard in design procedures will consistently yield products better able to withstand successfully most prevailing wind conditions in the U.S.A.

This brings us to the subject of Bending Moment, also called Side Thrust Overturning. Wind loading or wind pressure acting on an antenna, rotator and tower are essentially the

same as those acting on buildings, water towers
and other structures. Wind loading is by far the most critical and
severe item to be considered for antennas, rotators
and tower life. A typical 3 element vertical C.B. antenna creates a
bending moment of 1700 lb. ft. and necessitates
in-tower mounting. Other C.B. antennas are vertically polarized and
can exceed these values.

73 de Roger, K4RS
k4rs@iu.net

668. Web Page updated

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Kristjan Kodermac <kristjan.kodermac@guest.arnes.si>
Message-ID: <33CC641E.58E4@guest.arnes.si>
Source record: 2301
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Hello !

Today I updated my page.
Now you can find more than 180 Ham Award rules, about 330 Hamradio
links...

Of course you can also find something about me and my HAM activity.

Bye...
Kristjan, S57IIO

My Homepage:
http://www.qsl.net/s57iio
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669. FS. Yaesu FT8000R dualband mobil

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: SDH <sdharris@gate.net>
Message-ID: <01bc92f8$d0db29e0$5d25e3c7@tower>
Source record: 2302
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

The radio is only 4 Months old and in GREAT condition. Still have box, cables and mounting bracket. This radio has been moded for out of band TX and will recieve the 900 Mhz cordless/ ham band which is now blocked on newer ft8000 and ft8100. Cellular is still blocked and I know of no mod for this. Will recieve 110Mhz (AM) ~ 550Mhz / 750Mhz~1330Mhz.

105 memories
VHF 50W
UHF 35W

$430.00+shipping.

Sean
sdharris@gate.net

670. Re: Icom F-3

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: kral@hpl.hp.com
Message-ID: <5qme96$srn@hplms2.hpl.hp.com>
Source record: 2303
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

In article <33cb72f0.1826622@news.cmc.net>,
Gary Fiber <gfiber@seattle.cmc.net> wrote:
>On 15 Jul 1997 00:01:40 GMT, kral@hpl.hp.com (Joseph Kral) wrote:
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>>Looking for information on how to field program
>>the new Icom F-3 commercial radio.
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>>--
>>Joseph Kral
>>Hewlett-Packard Laboratories
>>kral@hpl.hp.com

>You need the EX1961 software and OPC-478 cloning cable
>
>Gary
>THIS REPLY DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY OFFICIAL POSITION of
>MY EMPLOYER. It represents only MY PERSONAL opinion.

Thanks Gary, but I'm looking for how to field program the radio. i.e.,
through the keypad, not a computer. I know for a fact that it can be done,
I just don't yet know the magic code.

Thanks anyway.

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Joseph Kral
Hewlett-Packard Laboratories
kral@hpl.hp.com

671. Help needed R.S. HTX-202

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Paul Jordan <jordan@no-spam.santanet.com>
Message-ID: <01bc941b$ab97a040$572977cc@default>
Source record: 2304
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Hello,

A week or two ago someone posted about common problems with a Radio Shack
HTX-202 and I think one of the problems had to do with the speaker. If you
have the post or know where I can get it, I would appreciate a reply.
I have audio but it is VERY low. Even if I plug a speaker mike into the
plugs on top, it's a little louder but you have to hold it up to your ear
to hear it. Everything else seems to work.
Any help would be appreciated.

73's
Paul Jordan
KL0AN

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Anti-Spam lock is on
Remove the no-spam from my address before
replying please.

672. FS: Yaesu FT8000R dualbander !!>>>>>>>>>>>

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: SDH <sdharris@gate.net>
Message-ID: <01bc945e$923f7440$1825e3c7@tower>
Source record: 2305
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,
rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap
Body handling: Inline uuencoded payload not displayed: ft8000r.htm

The radio is only 4 Months old and in GREAT condition. Still have box,
cables and mounting bracket. This radio has been moded for out of band TX
and will recieve the 900 Mhz cordless/ ham band which is now blocked on
newer ft8000 and ft8100. Cellular is still blocked and I know of no mod for
this. Will recieve 110Mhz (AM) ~ 550Mhz /
750Mhz~1330Mhz.

108 memories
VHF 50W
UHF 35W

$430.00+shipping OBO

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673. Anyone have a list of freqs. for the National Training Center?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: fiscus@mcn.net
Message-ID: <5qr9if$1ds_002@blpm02-198.mcn.net>
Source record: 2306
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.scanner

Anyone have a list of frequencies for the U.S. Army's National Training Center in California?

Thanks 73
de KB7ADL

674. SPI-RO ANTENNAS

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy Adams <adamscr@ham.muohio.edu>
Message-ID: <1997Jul19.195810.5972@nntp.muohio.edu>
Source record: 2307

I am thinking about buying a SPI-RO all band sloper. VS-53. Can anyone give me information on the performance of this ant.

Email : adamscr@ham.muohio.edu
Thank Randy NT8N

675. NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: KB8TNQ <kb8tnq@aol.com>
Message-ID: <33D168D0.5F6C03F@aol.com>
Source record: 2308
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad
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676. FS: HF Yagi & Roof twr

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jerry Brooks <kk6pa@ridgenet.net>
Message-ID: <33D2698D.6339@ridgenet.net>
Source record: 2309
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

I have a ham friend who purchased the following in March 1996 and now
wants to sell as a package. IE, no piece meal.

Tri-Band Yagi (10-15-20M) 3 el., 12' Hygain TH3JRS $289.95
Balun 80-10m Hygain BN-86 $ 36.95
Mast 9' Steel Glen Martin M-1049 $ 58.95
Thrust Bearing Glen Martin TB-25 $ 89.95
Tower 8' Roof (good for 8 Sq. Ft of ant)Glen Martin RT-832 $229.95
Rotator (10SF) Yaesu G-450XL $239.95
Coax 100' RG-8 foam Belden 8214 $ 54.95
Rotator Cable 8 cond. Belden 8448 $ 24.95

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Cost when bought new = $1,025.60

Wants $700 for the lot. Will give $100 discount if the buyer will help
take it down.

Jerry
kk6pa@ridgenet.net

677. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Doctor Bob <bob@antispam.com>
Message-ID: <kaozHIAsmm0zEwwb@bobshack.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2310
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

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678. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: RGFoster <rgfoster@anl.gov>
Message-ID: <33D3A48C.B8588D69@anl.gov>
Source record: 2311
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: n2fhl@voicenet.nospam.com
Message-ID: <33d3d458.13551486@netnews.voicenet.com>
Source record: 2312
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

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Yeah, but why don't you save the time and just post the site? Maybe I
just want to save the URL and look at it later.
.

Steve Schurmann
Watchmaker/Jeweler
Amateur Radio N2FHL

Please remove ".nospam" from my address if you wish to reply.

680. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Doctor Bob <bob@antispam.com>
Message-ID: <dh7N5IAif90zEwk$@bobshack.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2313
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

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681. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Peter Gladh <uuutw@mn.medstroms.se>
Message-ID: <2117.7142T470T2203@mn.medstroms.se>
Source record: 2314
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

On the subject Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit! (21-Jul-97 22:42:58) Doctor Bob wrote:
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[snip sig]

I think he is talking about the site names in the HTML part of the message.
On the other hand, I will never understand why people use HTML in a newsgroup.

<tsb> No HTML in newsgroups
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/ 73' de Peter Gladh HAM Radio SM0OAX mailto:peter.g@mn.medstroms.se \
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\http://www.mn.medstroms.se/~uuutw/ | AMIGA 4000/040 22Mb RAM 1.08Gb HD /
\ !!! UNDER CONSTRUCTION !!! | ICOM 290E /
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682. WANTED: Copy of page from 1957 or 1958 callbook

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: gtk@*NOSPAM*mis.haselow.com
Message-ID: <gtk-2307970950300001@gkopp.haselow.com>
Source record: 2315
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,rec.radio.amateur.swap,alt.ham-radio.amtor,alt.ham-radio.binaries,alt.ham-radio.dxing,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.ham-radio.morse,alt.ham-radio.nocode,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.rtty,alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.spread,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

WANTED:

My father is filing a 610-V to get his original callsign back. The FCC has
been dragging thier feet with this one. They tell me if it gets denied
that he can re-file with some sort of proof that he once held that call. I
need to get a copy of a page from a 1957 or 1958 callbook that lists:

K8BDB as Edward L. Kopp in New Philadelphia, OH. I already have a copy of
him as KN8BDB, but K8BDB is the call he wants.

If it's something you can scan and send to me, that would be great. Or yo
can send it via US Postal Service to:

Greg Kopp KG8O
12508 Bangor Avenue
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

I would be glad to pay the cost of copying and postage.

Greg KG8O

--
Replying to this message WILL NOT WORK. Remove "*NOSPAM*" from the address above if you
wish to send e-mail.

Greg

683. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: KB8TNQ <kb8tnq@voyager.net>
Message-ID: <33D5F432.CD2B72EF@voyager.net>
Source record: 2316
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad
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Date: 1997-07-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: Doctor Bob <bob@antispam.com>
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Source record: 2317
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(NOT wanting to teach you to suck eggs, but...) You must remember that most of the users only have a 'normal' ASCCI text type of a news reader programme. They can't read hypertext messages (Like what you are posting in)
Many people use some form of 'Off Line Reader' (Like I do) not using Netscrape or Microsloth Explorer and have to download every message all in one go (mail or news)

I would like to have a look around your site, but unfortunatly it still eludes me. (I've got an Amiga Ham site link from my site, give us a link if you want?)

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Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: jkk@galactose.mc.duke.edu
Message-ID: <5r68uh$kb6$1@news.duke.edu>
Source record: 2318
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

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I didn't want to mention it, but it's worth noting that a lot
of us OFs use a plain ol' Unix reader, not one of these newfangled
GUI gadgets. ;-) Heck, when I was a boy, I had to walk through
deep snow, 5 miles to school--and it was uphill BOTH WAYS!

:-)

It's not a big hairy deal, but the truth is, a LOT of folks
still use the primitive text-based readers we grew up with before
all the AOLers started showing up with.

BTW, that snow I had to walk through, to school? It was in
South Louisiana--and since it practically never freezes there,
it was one UGLY snow to have to walk through! ;-) 73!
--Ken

Ken Kuzenski AC4RD kuzen001@acpub.duke.edu
jkk@galactose.mc.duke.edu Fidonet: 1:3641/1.1

All standard disclaimers apply.
Close cover before striking.
Your mileage may vary.

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Date: 1997-07-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: KB8TNQ <kb8tnq@voyager.net>
Message-ID: <33D750FC.4BA003D8@voyager.net>
Source record: 2319
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

John: Sorry for the trouble. I was informed of this last night and re-submitted my addresses and a note this afternoon. if you will look for the new post, I included only the URLs for both pages, eliminating the links.

I apologize again, and since I am new to this environment, I assumed (I know) that everyone saw what I saw.

Thanks again and I appreciate your help....BTW, the egg lesson was great, but the snow job is gettin deep....hi hi

7-3,
Jim KB8TNQ

687. Re: Need help with selecting equipment!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dave Potter <dpotter@bbn.com>
Message-ID: <33D7963C.6100@bbn.com>
Source record: 2320
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap

Matt Hicks wrote:
>
> I am looking for help selecting a new rig, I am just starting out in
> this hobby and am looking for a transeiver with 6M and 2M (any additional
> wouldn't hurt) or an HF w/ 6M and 2M. I am looking to spend about $1,000
> for my entire setup, at the moment I am looking at the Icom IC-706MKII, it
> is a HF+6M+2M, a little more than I wanted to spend but will if it is all I
> can find.
>
> If you can help me or give me some info (antenna info as well) please
> send me e-mail at: Matth@netacc.net, or at lease forward a copy to my
> e-mail, thanks in advance!!!
>
> Matt
>
> matth@netacc.net

Matt,

Welcome to the hobby!

I think that the only rig currently available that has HF, 6M, and 2M is the IC-706. There is an earlier version that is now discounted to around the kilobuck range if you can find it, or look on rec.radio.swap for a used one. I'd go for the latest one, though, and get all the fixes.

The other choice is a decent HF rig and transverters, but your budget doesn't leave much wiggle room for that route. I operate on HF with one rig, on 6M with a rig that is HF+6, and on 2 with a nice 2M rig. I've been accumulating this stuff for quite a while, though. I think the 706 is a very good choice for your needs.

Look at the weak signal portions of the VHF bands. They are a lot more fun than the repeaters.

73

Dave
K1MBO

688. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Duane <waskunk@wolfenet.com>
Message-ID: <33D83E5B.2719@wolfenet.com>
Source record: 2321
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

I never found his "hypertext" link either and I am using Netscape
to read newsgroups. I did however find his site (on my first try)
with the Altavista search engine. Where there's a will there's a
way!

It is http://kb8uyz.com/kb8tnq/

73, Duane n0ze

KB8TNQ wrote:
>
> To Doctor Bob and Steve, in particular (and anyone else, in general)
>
> If you simply click on the blue, underlined text in the message, this
> is a hyperlink to both sites. If you've never used one before,
> they're kind of cool....cuz you don't have to remember a URL, you just
> go.....
>
> Hope this has been a help to the two of you. And we look forward to
> having you stop in soon.
>
> 7-3,
> Jim KB8TNQ

689. FT-50R Questions

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Daniel Bell, Jr. " <kc4oxp@avana.net>
Message-ID: <01bc9a97$97920680$3f3d2acf@Avana.avana.net>
Source record: 2322

I am awaiting a replacement manual from Yaesu for my FT-50R, I have tons of questions that I would like to ask someone that has one of these radios, i.e. how to program the darn thing!!! hi hi

Seriously, what about fm radio broadcast, i.e. 107.5 fm I can hear the station, however it sounds terrible at best, and then what about AM radio stations i.e. 750.00 ANY help would be greatly appreciated!

73 Daniel KC4OXP

KC4OXP@QSL.NET

690. Ten-Tec Model no. 555 SCOUT TRANSCEIVER

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: sdickson@iamerica.net*SPAM-HATER
Message-ID: <33d8ef0e.78207913@news.iamerica.net>
Source record: 2323
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,iamerica.amateur.radio

I am looking at options for my 1st HF rig. Cost is a high concern at
this point. I am not opposed to used equipment.

I've heard that Ten-Tec makes good stuff.

I would welcome any feedback on this transceiver:

Ten-Tec Model no. 555 SCOUT TRANSCEIVER

Thanks
73
Scott Dickson, soon to be ham
sdickson@iamerica.net

691. WANTED 440 AMP ANY CONDITION

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: MICHAEL SMITH <mjs@now-online.com>
Message-ID: <01bc99dd$b7329960$075bcecf@mjs>
Source record: 2324
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

I AM LOOKING FOR A 440 AMP WITH AROUND 50 WATTS OF OUTPUT POWER. 2 TO 10
WATTS IN. WORKING OR NOT. E-MAIL WITH INFO. THANKS MIKE...
--
mjs@now-online.com

692. WANTED--440 PRE AMP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: MICHAEL SMITH <mjs@now-online.com>
Message-ID: <01bc99de$e976d5c0$075bcecf@mjs>
Source record: 2325
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

I AM LOOKING FOR A 440 PRE-AMP. WOULD PREFER A GAS-FET. DOES NOT NEED TO
SWITCH OUT FOR TX... E-MAIL ME WITH INFO THANKS MIKE...
--
mjs@now-online.com

693. INFO WANTED ON JOHNSONS FLEETCOM 2

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: MICHAEL SMITH <mjs@now-online.com>
Message-ID: <01bc99e0$072ac9e0$075bcecf@mjs>
Source record: 2326
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc

LOOKING FOR ANY INFO ON JOHNSON FLEETCOM 2 RADIOS. A SERVICE MANUAL WOULD
BE GREAT. BUT REALLY NEED INFO ON TUNNING THE RECIEVER... E-MAIL ME WITH
INFO... THANKS MIKE....
--
mjs@now-online.com

694. 55', Three Section Crank Up Tower- Heavy Duty Galvanized, SW Florida

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: mrymer@peganet.com
Message-ID: <33dde382.1276688@news.peganet.net>
Source record: 2327
Cross-posted to:
alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap

55 Foot, 3 Section Heavy Duty Galvanized Crank-Up Antenna Tower.
Cable fairly new but pulleys probably need replacing. Minor surface
rust only at base. Purchased used last year but never put up. Tower
is located in Cape Coral Florida which is on the SW Coast. This tower
is approx 24' long in it's down position and weighs about 250-300
pounds. First $175.00 CASH (FIRM) takes it away. Don't miss this
one. Please e-mail me with any questions you might have about this
tower.

mrymer@peganet.com

Thanks,
Mike

695. Re: INFO WANTED ON JOHNSONS FLEETCOM 2

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Christopher W. (Chris) Boone" <cboone@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <33DD6A42.17B4@earthlink.net>
Source record: 2328
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc

MICHAEL SMITH wrote:
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> BE GREAT. BUT REALLY NEED INFO ON TUNNING THE RECIEVER... E-MAIL ME WITH
> INFO... THANKS MIKE....
> --
> mjs@now-online.com

What band is your Fleetcom II on?? VHF or UHF?? I have the UHF manuals
for the 558 and 559 models....Used to work on them at a EFJ shop
15+ years ago...

Chris
WB5ITT

696. Re: NEW Amateur Web Sites to Visit!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Paul Titze VK2THN [HACK.AU.]" <ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Message-ID: <33DE72C6.686D@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au>
Source record: 2329
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.packet,rec.rad

I have a website too :)

Paul, VK2THN.

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Email : ptitze@astron.physics.usyd.edu.au
Website : http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~ptitze
Cyberspace: http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~ptitze/vrml/vk2thn.wrl
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697. FS MINT POWER SUPPLY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-07-31 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bc9d75$fe3a4f60$c780dad0@default>
Source record: 2330
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE - *MINT* Pyramid Gold Series Regulated Power Supply
Model Number PS-26K
Individual * Amp And Voltage Meters*
Input: 115 VAC 60 Hz 500W Max. Fuse Protected
Front Panel Positive And Negative Output Leads
Power Switch: Illuminated 15Amp 125VAC
Output: Adjustable 6-15VDC 22 Amp Regulated Low Ripple Output
Overload Protection Devices & Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Over Temperature Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Built In Cooling Fan
Original Box, Instructions, And Schematic
New Condition
PRICE: $95.00 OBO PLUS SHIPPING. (Shipping Not Negotiable)

Charles Francer N1RPD
PLEASE SEND E-MAIL TO: francer@gis.net

698. FS Regulated Power Supply

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bc9ffb$985ef960$cd80dad0@default>
Source record: 2331
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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Overload Protection Devices & Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Over Temperature Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Built In Cooling Fan
**Original Box, Instructions, And Schematic
New Condition
***PRICE: $95.00 OBO PLUS SHIPPING. (Shipping Not Negotiable)

Charles Francer N1RPD
PLEASE SEND E-MAIL TO: francer@gis.net

699. New amateur web site

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martyn Allison <martyn@intecc.co.uk>
Message-ID: <33e8d8a2.0@norbert.cerbernet.co.uk>
Source record: 2242
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner,uk.radio.amateur

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Multicomm 2000 has a new web site that I would like to invite you to come
and visit. We have some really keen prices and have some really hard to
find products available. http://www.multicomm2000.com
I would also apreciate your comments after you have visited my site
Best 73's
Martyn
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Multicomm 2000 the place to be!!!!
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700. Re: What do You Think of Radio Shack?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Sean Warner KC0BTD <kc0btd@nospam.qsl.net>
Message-ID: <01bca287$e4ca9e60$3cbe84d0@default>
Source record: 2243
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Roy, I'm am suprised that the Radio Shack employees in your neighborhood continually get away with holding those guns to your head & marching you down to the local store, in order to force you to buy those resistors or PL 259's that you would otherwise have to drive 30 miles out of the way to find or mail order them. If you detest the chain so much, then DON'T GO THERE!! Be a man of principle the next time you need to go purchase something & RS is the nearest & most convenient option-put yourself through the hardship of going through the extra inconvenience of going to a specialty store or ordering through the mail, in order to prove you are a man of your words. I find it incomprehensible that someone with such a deep seated hatred of the Tandy Corp. would even consider setting foot in a RS store, even when faced with the convenience dilemma. I'm curious what happens when you stroll into your local Food & Fuel convenience store & find out the tomatoes they peddle are not nearly as fresh as the ones at the supermarket; have you called for a boycott of them too?

As for Tandy going after usage of the word "Shack" with regards to amateur clubs/organizations/operators using it in conjunction with the hobby, I am aware of numerous local clubs who incorporate that in their slogans, and have heard nary a peep from any lawyers representing the Tandy Corporation. If it is true that Tandy has indeed registered the word "Shack" as a registered trademark (which does not seem so incredulous, as this is a nearly universal moniker for the chain store), then they have every right to go after someone who is using their registered trademark in a manner that may besmirch the name of the store. What, pray tell, is 'Bionics' Smut Shack'? I can tell you what it sounds like.....

(Title Page Description)
bianca greets you with open arms, embracing all who would come to her Shack and
contribute their wisdom, talents and love to
bianca's growing community. Come on in!
Write on bianca's walls, read from her books.
Learn and contribute! bianca likes to
accommodate all her guests as best she can,
therefore, she has developed several
different methods by which you can tour her little
hovel.

(Disclaimer at the bottom)
this site contains adult natured content.

Whoever chose that name either intended to get a lot of hits from people who go looking for adult related material, & if you think otherwise, the

you are suffering from a severe case of naivete. Do I agree that Tandy should go after Bianca & the site? Not necessarily. Do I believe that Tandy has the right to go after Bianca & the site if they feel that the use of their registered trademark is not being used in accordance to the image that they are trying to convey to people? Damn right I do.

Also, your assertion that Radio Shack does not in anyway market to amateur radio is completely baseless & devoid of fact. Radio Shack, in addition to selling the 10 meter mobile, also sells a very fine 2 meter mobile & 2 meter/70 cm HTs, and are reintroducing their dual band HT this fall. They also sell a very nice & affordable line of SW receivers & scanners, which a lot of amateurs enjoy as crossover pursuits. Are these products as good as the latest offerings from Yaesu, Icom, Drake, etc.? Nope. Are they decent products that will perform reasonably well, considering their price range & the fact that the primary market for these products is the beginning enthusiast with little time or patience for thumbing through an operator manual the size of the King James Bible? Yep.
I do not own a Radio Shack amateur/shortwave/scanner product, as I prefer to spend a little more & get something more specific & detailed to what I intend to use it for. But I have test drove a lot of the aforementioned gear, and most of them performed well with the previously mentioned considerations in mind (some, like the DX 392, a Sangean 808CS SW receiver in drag, performed just like the original, & at a much better price at the time 7/96).

As for your call for an amateur radio boycott of Tandy Corp, I believe that most fellow amateur operators, like myself, will continue to see Radio Shack as what they really are-a convenience store. If I want help with a technical problem of a nature beyond the knowledge of the amateur, I call Universal Radio, AES, Grove, EEB, HRO, etc. or visit the local specialty store (Radio City) in town, where I know that the level of technical know how & proficiency exceeds both that of most of us amateurs as well as the general retail salesperson. We've all had our bad experiences at the Shack, whether it be some 16 year old salesperson who doesn't know a balun from a keg tap, or the occasional product that doesn't seem to want to work as its makers intended. I ask you, Roy, what makes Radio Shack different, then, from the rest of the retail world? Your boycott call, folly that it is, would only serve to deprive the rest of us amateurs who do not share your agenda of an extremely useful outlet for convenient parts & products. Please carry on your personal crusade without invoking the name of the amateur community as being representative of your views.

73, Sean
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= Sean Warner KC0BTD =
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'Durak, Duraka,
Vidyat iz daleka...'

R.S.Hradilek <ids@nol.net> wrote in article
<33e69b61.4315117@news.nol.net>...
> There has been a controversy brewing on other parts of the Internet
> that concerns us, and I thought it should be brought to the attention
> of the radio amateur community:
>
>
> (snip)
> We all still go there when we have to, and we all have also passed 20
> Radio Shacks in order to get to a real electronics store. The
> brain-dead help, the poor quality parts, the poor selection - we all
> know about this. Radio Shack undoubtedly has the lowest reputation in
> the electronics trade among hams and electronics professionals (but
> that's not who they market to). I am particularly tired of the cheap
> quality coax, hookup wire that won't solder, and connectors with
> porcelain looking insulating material that melts and self destructs
> when you try to apply heat to the metal portions that seem to repel
> solder. Their poo quality PL-259 plugs are an example. I will not
> linger further on my own Radio Shack horror stories: you all have your
> own.
>
>(snip)
>
> Tandy has also registered certain of their marketing slogans so that
> others may not use them. These include the phrase "The Technology
> Store" and "You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers." Ever try to ask
> a Radio Shack employee a highly technical question, such as "Where are
> the SO-238's?" Duh! I hope hope that a corporation would make an
> attempt to live up to the claims in their marketing slogans if they
> insist on registering them for their own exclusive use.
>
> (snip)
>
> So what might I suggest we hams do about this? Jump in with both
> feet!!!
>
> Boycott Tandy? We already avoid them, don't we?
>
> 73, de Roy -- AD5Q
> http://www.nol.net/~ids/prop.html
>
>

701. Re: What do You Think of Radio Shack?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Sean Warner KC0BTD <kc0btd@qsl.net>
Message-ID: <01bca529$0f6a5400$4fbe84d0@default>
Source record: 2244
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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Sean M. Warner KC0BTD

R.S.Hradilek <ids@nol.net> wrote in article
<33ee4e63.9411708@news.nol.net>...
> On 6 Aug 97 16:43:40 GMT, "Sean Warner KC0BTD" <kc0btd@nospam.qsl.net>
>
>
> Actually, they are good for some things: watch batteries, telephone
> jacks, TV twin lead. Because of the convenience thing, I also make it
> a point to know what they have in those cute little packages in the
> back corner of the store.

Then you actually have in a sense accepted Radio Shack for what they are, a
convenience store. I have never met anyone in my many trips to RS that
pretended the store was anything else. Then why the vendetta??
> >
> >As for Tandy going after usage of the word "Shack" with regards to
amateur
> >clubs/organizations/operators using it in conjunction with the hobby,
>
> Did I say there were?

I believe you insinuated that they would. I myself find it hard to believe
that they would make such a blatantly hostile stink towards a large segment
of their customers. They were going after a self titled 'smut shack', not
'Ham Shack' --these are not exactly tow of the same. The people at Tandy
didn't become rich by being idiots--I find your paranoia a bit premature.
>
> >Do I believe that Tandy
> >has the right to go after Bianca & the site if they feel that the use of
> >their registered trademark....
>
> Legally you are right. They have registered a word out of the context
> of our lexicon and are precluding others from using it in any
> unrelated commercial context - including its original context (ham
> radio).

Well, at least we agree on something.

In a non-legal sense, I have a problem with this.

I'm still not exactly sure why, but that's your business, of course.
>
> >Also, your assertion that Radio Shack does not in anyway market to

amateur
> >radio is completely baseless & devoid of fact.
>
> This is a recent development, Mr. KC0. You havn't been a ham very
> long.

Ahhh, the favorite fall back position of the jaded & cynical amateur operator! Of course, you realize that your assertion here means absolutely nothing & contributes very little to the validity of your contentions....

For your information, Mr. Hradilek, I have been very active in SWL for many years, and I have been in their store enough & received enough of their catalogs to know that they indeed have been marketing to amateurs for quite some time. The big hamfest in town always seems to have a Radio Shack booth, right along with the rest of them. I think perhaps you may have dismissed their amateur efforts out of hand for reasons you have made very apparent in this post & the previous one.

They are merely trying to cash in on the recent boom in amateur
> activity as they did with CB in the 70's.

I'd like to think that's what businesses are supposed to do, take advantage of opportunity when it knocks.

Tandy helped make CB what it
> became, and would love to do it again.

If there was that kind of $$$ in it again, so you & I!! These last statements make it appear that you are more jealous of the Tandy success story (like them or not, you must admit they've done very well for themselves) than anything else.
>
> >Please carry on your personal crusade without invoking the name of the
> >amateur community as being representative of your views.
>
> I do strongly feel that most of the amateur community has a negative
> opinion of Radio Shack.

I & most others view them for what they are, not what we wish they would be. I have heard some of the old time amateurs & SWLers gripe & bitch about RS, yet I always seem to bump into them when I'm there, which leads me to the assumption that they also have come to grips with what the store really is. Therefore, I disagree with this statement as being rooted in extremely unrealistic expectations.

This may have changed with all the new
> Technician licensees, but I have never worked one and therefore don't
> know.

Again, I fail to see the relevance of this & why it changes anything.

My right to post an inquiry on this forum is absolute, because
> this is the Internet. It is the Spammer's that don't belong here.

Ahh, well, we agree on two things here. Yes you do have the right to post in this forum for discussion. yes, we both have the right to carry on a little back & forth on this topic. Yes, spammers should die in a pool of molten lead.

However, please state your opinions as your own, because that's what they are (just as my opinions are mine & mine alone, & I do not pretend to speak for anyone else.)

73 & Good DX,

Sean
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702. Yupiteru prices Down

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martyn Allison <martyn@intecc.co.uk>
Message-ID: <33f24189.0@norbert.cerbernet.co.uk>
Source record: 2245
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner,uk.radio.amateur

Our prices of Yupiteru receivers have now been reduced, The popular MVT9000 is less than $500 ....�368 and the MVT 7100 is now �215 ...$290 all of the Yupiteru range are unblocked.

We have just updated our web site so maybe if your looking for that bargain you would be welcome to come and visit us at http://www.multicomm2000.com

Thank you for reading this posting, I hope that by me mentioning a few bargains it has not offended anyone.

Best 73's
Martyn Allison
Multicomm 2000
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Multicomm 2000 the place to be!!!!

703. Re: PAGEBOY 2 Pieper

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Uwe Krause <dl6mpg@fep.fhg.de>
Message-ID: <33F40D3C.25FF@fep.fhg.de>
Source record: 2246
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,dds.markt,de.comm.ham,nl.markt,nl.markt.overig,rec.ham-radio,wxs.tekoop

Henk wrote:
>
> TE KOOP GEVRAAGD
>
> Pageboy 2 pieper
>
> Henk Roelfsema
>

Was soll der Schrott hier in dieser Group ?

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704. HTX-100 for sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rich Ullery <rich@qcsn.com>
Message-ID: <5t7g15orn1@gte1.gte.net>
Source record: 2247
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet

Hello-
I have a mint (run mobile 2 times) Radio Shack HTX-100 10 meter hf
radio.
25 watts out U/L side band and CW. In orig. box with all the orig.
contents.
Manual, bracket etc.

$150.00 OBO
Thanks Rich-n7hmb (503) 612-9403
rich@qcsn.com
n7hmb@hamlinks.com
rich@website-creations.com
richardu@gte.net
ok got carried away.
73

705. I need superfax software???

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Jerome M. Kutche" <"n9lya@tima.com"@kiva.net>
Message-ID: <5takchucv2@gretle.intersource.com>
Source record: 2248
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.shortwave,rec.ham-radio

Hi I need superfax software can someone e-mail me a copy???
Thanks...
Jerry
n9lya@tima.com

706. Re: HTX-100 for sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Chris Sussmann <cmsuss@fullnet.net>
Message-ID: <33F92359.E5868A2A@fullnet.net>
Source record: 2249
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet

Rich Ullery wrote:

> Hello-
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> radio.
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^^^^^^^^^^How do you do this? My HTX-100 only
does upper.

> contents.
> Manual, bracket etc.
>
> $150.00 OBO
> Thanks Rich-n7hmb (503) 612-9403
> rich@qcsn.com
> n7hmb@hamlinks.com
> rich@website-creations.com
> richardu@gte.net
> ok got carried away.
> 73

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73 de

Chris * N1UOC
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http://www.harvestcomm.net/personal/cmsuss/eapu.htm
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707. Re: HTX-100 for sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Doug <gavilan1@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <33FA2312.2505@earthlink.net>
Source record: 2250
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet

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Chris Sussmann wrote:
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> Rich Ullery wrote:
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> ^^^^^^^^^^How do you do this? My HTX-100 only
> does upper.
>
> > contents.
> > Manual, bracket etc.
> >
> > $150.00 OBO
> > Thanks Rich-n7hmb (503) 612-9403
> > rich@qcsn.com
> > n7hmb@hamlinks.com
> > rich@website-creations.com
> > richardu@gte.net
> > ok got carried away.
> > 73
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> --
> 73 de
>
> Chris * N1UOC
> n1uoc.ampr.org 44.78.25.14

*SNIP*

Like he said,

> > ok got carried away.
> > 73

Doug
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708. Re: HTX-100 for sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Christopher Cox <cobox@netexp.net>
Message-ID: <01bcac83$1bc94600$8060b6cd@cbx-nt>
Source record: 2251
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet

Really, WOW, I was looking for one to work satellites, with a reversing
transponder that would really put a crink in my operations!
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Christopher Cox
KC8FRJ
TRA#4901

Chris Sussmann <cmsuss@fullnet.net> wrote in article
<33F92359.E5868A2A@fullnet.net>...
> Rich Ullery wrote:
>
> > Hello-
> > I have a mint (run mobile 2 times) Radio Shack HTX-100 10 meter hf
> > radio.
> > 25 watts out U/L side band and CW. In orig. box with all the orig.
>
> ^^^^^^^^^^How do you do this? My HTX-100 only
> does upper.
>
> > contents.
> > Manual, bracket etc.
> >
> > $150.00 OBO
> > Thanks Rich-n7hmb (503) 612-9403
> > rich@qcsn.com
> > n7hmb@hamlinks.com
> > rich@website-creations.com
> > richardu@gte.net
> > ok got carried away.
> > 73
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> --
> 73 de
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> Chris * N1UOC
> n1uoc.ampr.org 44.78.25.14
> N1UOC@N1UOC.#NCOK.OK.USA.NOAM
> cmsuss@fullnet.net
> http://www.harvestcomm.net/personal/cmsuss/eapu.htm
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709. FS: Boonton 8201 Modulation Analyzer

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Phil Koehring <pkoehring@acs.com>
Message-ID: <01bcace5$a28eff60$49a7bccc@pkoehring.acs.com>
Source record: 2252
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,sci.electronics.equipment,sci.engr.electrical.compliance

Boonton 8201 for sale.
$5,500
Any required packing or shipping NOT included.

Specs and photo at Boonton's web page:
http://www.boonton.com/modulation.html

Located in Scotts Valley, CA (Northern CA near San Jose) and
available for inspection M-F 10-5.

Contact me directly:
Philip Koehring KF6EYO
ACS Wireless, Inc.
10 Victor Square
Scotts Valley, CA 95066
Tel: 408-438-3883 x3466
Fax: 408-438-7730
email: pkoehring@acs.com

710. FS: Daiwa SWR Power Meter

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcad07$a1797840$ce80dad0@default>
Source record: 2253
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE - Daiwa compact SWR Poer Meter Model Number CN-520.
Range 1.8-60MHz. Power 50 ohms - 2kW. Matching Needles on face to read
Forward and Reflected power and precise SWR.
Price $60 plus a few bucks for shipping.

Charles Francer, N1RPD
francer@gis.net

711. Job Opening - Los Angeles - Inside tech support desk-video products

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: lmarsgo@ix.netcom.com
Message-ID: <5te6cc$g5p@dfw-ixnews6.ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2254
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.ham-radio,sci.engr.television.broadcast

Marshall Electronics, Culver City, CA requires inside technical support
for for video cameras, monitors,LCD panels,lens, and cables. Work with
engineers, installers and designers asking questions about companies
products.
See web site for products to work with. http://www.mars-cam.com

Fax resume to: 310-836-5327

712. FS: Realistic DX-380 portable receiver

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: mansonia <mansonia@REMOVEgte.net>
Message-ID: <5tk1ipmjh1@gte2.gte.net>
Source record: 2255
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

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For Sale... Realistic DX-380 Portable Receiver

AM 530-1710 kHz
LW 150-519 kHz
FM 88-108 MHz
SW 1.711-29.999 MHz

includes nice carrying case...

$75 shipped

remove "REMOVE" to reply
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713. FS: Yaesu FT530 dual band HT !!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: SDH <sdharris@gate.net>
Message-ID: <5tqr3i$135k$1@news.gate.net>
Source record: 2256
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.swap

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FT530 with brand new NiMH 12v (5W) batt, original manual and box. About 1.5
years old in good condition. Mod done will TX

118mhz - 174mhz
430Mhz - 470Mhz
will recieve 800mhz and (cellular) RX range is:
116mhz-174Mhz AM and FM modes
380Mhz- 512Mhz
800Mhz- 960Mhz
This is a true dual bander and will crossband repeat and do dual inband
recieve! four power out levels .5W, 1.5W, 2.5W, 5W

$290+shipping and COD

sdharris
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714. 10 Meter Mobile

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rich Ullery N7HMB <rich@NOSPAMqcsn.com>
Message-ID: <5tstfi$55n$1@gte1.gte.net>
Source record: 2257
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio

Hello-
I have for sale a Radio Shack HTX-100 10 meter mobile, 25 watts in mint condition. Been Mobile twice, with the bracket, mic, instructions, service manual in the orig. box.
Does Upper sideband and CW.

$150 OBO but for the complete amount I will ship FedEx upon recieveing a M/O

please remove the nospam from the email above or mail me at n7hmb@hamlinks.com

Rich Ullery N7HMB (503) 612-9403

715. Ct17 and Icom transceiver controlled by a pc

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: massimom@ThePentagon.com
Message-ID: <34045c20.2431955@news.tin.it>
Source record: 2258
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,relcom.radio.ham,aus.radio.amateur.digital,aus.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,uk.radio.amateur

i have to make a program to control my icom transceiver with my pc

i have also a ct 17 interface unit, but i have not any specification
of this unit (address port, what is the way to connect radio with pc
by software ecc.)

might someome help me sending some information or to find
specification and right to make a good software to connect my pc to
icom transceiver with ct-17 ?

thanks in advance , max

716. FS UHF GE Ranger

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Dropp <ddropp@execpc.com>
Message-ID: <3404BA3F.CAECD2@execpc.com>
Source record: 2259
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc.,rec.ham-radio

I have for sale a GE UHF 35 Watt Ranger 403-512 Mhz band split radio
with the following accessories:
GE S-990 Control Head
Radio Mounting Bracket With Lock
Mic
Speaker
New Control Cable
Ranger Maintenance Manual
GE S-990 Manual
Complete package 300.00 shipped to your door

717. FS Kenwood MC-85

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Dropp <ddropp@execpc.com>
Message-ID: <3404B76F.1425779C@execpc.com>
Source record: 2260
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amatur.equipment
Body handling: HTML body converted to readable text

I have for sale a Kenwood MC-85 desk Mic.in absolute mint condition.
Comes complete with an extra cable, box,manual and shipping to you door
for 95.00 . If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail 73's
Dave N9LXP

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complete with an extra cable, box,manual and shipping to you door
for 95.00 . If you have any questions please
feel free to e-mail 73's Dave N9LXP

718. Re: FS UHF GE Ranger

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: mikegb@erols.com
Message-ID: <340553E6.16EA@erols.com>
Source record: 2261
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc.,rec.ham-radio

What split is this radio on? It doesn't cover 403-512 MHz!

David Dropp wrote:
>
> I have for sale a GE UHF 35 Watt Ranger 403-512 Mhz band split radio
> with the following accessories:
> GE S-990 Control Head
> Radio Mounting Bracket With Lock
> Mic
> Speaker
> New Control Cable
> Ranger Maintenance Manual
> GE S-990 Manual
> Complete package 300.00 shipped to your door

719. Help Identify Diodes

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-08-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: gwilljo@cwo.com
Message-ID: <5u88ot$gh8$1@bigdog.eli.net>
Source record: 2262
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.components,sci.electronics.repair,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio.swap

Salvaged the following diodes with associated markings, but can't find specs:

HI Q CK72AX 102M

FRIE CK80AW 102M 1000

M MR2901S 7426

IN3209 SI 7412

IR X5M4

Can anyone identify or give me specs i.e. Hi current, UHF.

Have old 1956 ARRL but they are not listed there either.

Thanks
Greg KB6WKW

720. Re: Ct17 and Icom transceiver controlled by a pc

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Christoph <cech@iml.fhg.de>
Message-ID: <340AFC56.65B9@iml.fhg.de>
Source record: 2263
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,relcom.radio.ham,aus.radio.amateur.digital,aus.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,uk.radio.amateur

Max wrote:

> i have also a ct 17 interface unit, but i have not any specification
> of this unit (address port, what is the way to connect radio with pc
> by software ecc.)
>
> might someome help me sending some information or to find
> specification and right to make a good software to connect my pc to
> icom transceiver with ct-17 ?

Hello Max
Go to this URL http://www.optoelectronics.com/utility.htm
and download the APPNOTES.EXE (APPNOTES.ZIP).
In this Documentatition is a declination about the Icom CI-V
Protocoll.

I dont use the ct 17 but a MAX 232 TTL Level changer chip.
He do the same work like the ct 17 (there is a MAX 232 in it)
he change the TTL level from CI-V to the serial port RS232, and
back from the other direction too.

With the ct 17 there is nothing to program!
But with the Icom Radio you have to program the target
adress (setting by jumpers in the Radio or by frontpanel, different
by any radio. I use an IC-R10, I can use the dial to set the Adress)

Then you can program the frequency in HEX, the Mode, the squelch
the s-meter and so on.
The Data Packet to send look like this: (This is only an example.)

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FE FE 50 50 15 02 FD
^^ ^^ ^^ ^^ | | |
Start Adress | | |
Comand | |
S-meter|
end
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FE FE <adress> <adress> <comand> <Data input,QRG,Mode,etc.> FD

In the Appnotes text you will find the whole Commands.
On this URL you will find another little Program named CI-5.exe
with this program you can test this Data packets by typing it at
the prompt. When it allright the Radio answers back to the Prompt
and change the QRG or give the S-meter back(or read the memories).

All what you need to program is a HEX code table to change the
keyboard input from dezimal to HEX and the knowledge of the
Data Packet design connected with the commands.

But the ct 17 is nothing than a "stupid" transformator from your
Serial Computer interface to the "intelligent" CI-V connection at
the radio.
I am just started with this CI-V an my MAX 232 an the IC-R10, so
I dont know all of this. But I think you will be satisfied with
the Appnotes.txt from Optoelectronics, this includes all what you
need. With this stuff I started also and get it well.

Tell me when you are get sucsess with your program, please.
I will tell you when I found out more.

73 and.....
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__ Schoene Gruesse von Christoph Cech (DG1DAC)
/ / _ . _ _/ _ _ / Fraunhofer Institut fuer
__/)_/(_/_/_)_/_(_)_/_)_/) Materialfluss und Logistik
_____/_____ e-mail cech@iml.fhg.de

721. Re: Help Identify Diodes

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Gary I. Robin" <k9hdu@webspun.com>
Message-ID: <340CBB32.511E@webspun.com>
Source record: 2264
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.components,sci.electronics.repair,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio.swap

Greg (KB6WKW) wrote:
>
> Salvaged the following diodes with associated markings, but can't find
> specs:
>
> HI Q CK72AX 102M
>
> FRIE CK80AW 102M 1000
>
> M MR2901S 7426
>
> IN3209 SI 7412
>
> IR X5M4
>
> Can anyone identify or give me specs i.e. Hi current, UHF.
>
> Have old 1956 ARRL but they are not listed there either.
>
> Thanks
> Greg KB6WKW

Hi Greg:

I think the first two might be capacitors. The values being 102X10^-6. The second unit having a 1KV rating. The manufacturer is likely ERIE (not frie).

MR usually indicates Motorola Rectifier. "M" is the Motorola symbol. The 7426 and 7412 are date codes interpreted as 26th week in 1974 and 12th week in 1974.

IR was International Rectifier. The X5M4 is likely a proprietary designation.

I hope I'm not a source of too much confusion for you, Greg.

73,

Gary, K9HDU

722. Re: Help Identify Diodes

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: mzenier@netcom.com
Message-ID: <mzenierEFzrL2.45L@netcom.com>
Source record: 2265
Cross-posted to: sci.electronics.components,sci.electronics.repair,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio.swap

In article <340CBB32.511E@webspun.com>,
Gary I. Robin <k9hdu@webspun.com> wrote:
>Greg (KB6WKW) wrote:
>> Salvaged the following diodes with associated markings, but can't find
...
>> FRIE CK80AW 102M 1000
...
>I think the first two might be capacitors. The values being 102X10^-6.
>The second unit having a 1KV rating. The manufacturer is likely ERIE
>(not frie).

Erie also made semiconductors back in the 60's-70's, but I couldn't
find this one on their pages in some old catalogs of that vintage.
(So did a lot of companies that don't seem to exist any more like
Hoffman, and Sakes-Tarzian).

Mark Zenier mzenier@eskimo.com mzenier@netcom.com

723. FS:Gonset G-66 Receiver, G-77 Transmitter and Power Supply Modulator

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: gwilljo@cwo.com
Message-ID: <5umple$8mk$1@bigdog.eli.net>
Source record: 2266
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio.swap

G66, g77 and Power Supply Modulator. Set up for AC operation.
Also manuals and schematics (from Hi-Manuals)
Set works on AC, transmitter loads up into antenna.

Missing microphone. NO MICROPHONE OFFERED AS PART OF SALE.

Would prefer you pickup but will ship.
Shipping weight is 80 pounds from zip 95822
$225.00 plus shipping.

Greg
KB6WKW

724. ***FS Complete Station

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: W W Enterprises <risd@flash.net>
Message-ID: <341211BA.5252@flash.net>
Source record: 2267
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment

I have several items for sale for the widow of a friend. Please contact me if you are interested in any item or the entire package. I prefer to sell as a package. All items have manuals but no original boxes. All items are clean and in good condition. I will refund your money on anything you buy and are not happy with. The shipping will be yours. All prices are plus shipping. If you think the price is too high, make me and offer, but don't wait too long or bid too low. This is all good gear and someone will pick up a bargain. I am going to do something this next week or so.

Kenwood TS-430S HF rig $500
MJF 989B 3 KW tuner $175
Trip Lite 40 Amp Power Supply $100
Kenwood 241A 2 meter rig $190

There are also filters, straight key, headset, speakers, short coax cables with ends, and some junk box materials. I want to sell all of it.

725. FS: Antenna Tuner

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbd78$de9408e0$cd80dad0@default>
Source record: 2268
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

I am selling a Dentron Radio Company Model - JR Moniter antenna tuner in good
condition. Contains Transmitter Match, Antenna Match controls and RF OUT
meter. Handles single wire or balanced feed antenna. $40.00 plus a few
sheckles for shipping. Thankyou for taking the time to read my posting

Charles Francer, N1RPD
francer@gis.net

726. FS:DRAKE SW-8 Receiver - MINT Cond.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbd77$0277e120$cd80dad0@default>
Source record: 2269
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

THIS MESSAGE POSTED FOR KA1DPW - RESPOND TO HIM BY E-MAIL: KA1DPW@EROLS.COM

For Sale: Drake SW-8 porta-top shortwave receiver in new condition. Comes with AC adapter and manual. Also works on "D" cells. Covers all of HF plus VHF Air and FM band in sterio. Has 3 selectable bandwidths, selectable sidebands, synch detector.
Barely had time to use. $600 plus shipping. <ka1dpw@erols.com>

727. FS: Power Supply & Shure Microphone

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbd78$0bd89600$cd80dad0@default>
Source record: 2270
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE: PYRAMID GOLD SERIES POWER SUPPLY - DUAL METERS MODEL PS-26K
$75.00 +Shipping

SHURE Prologue Microphone Model 6L-B NEW COND IN BOX WITH papers. $85.00+
Shipping

ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID OR COD

Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
N1RPD

728. Re: FS: Power Supply & Shure Microphone

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Chuck Berry <cberry@aloha.intel.com>
Message-ID: <341632FC.5443@aloha.intel.com>
Source record: 2271
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

Charles Francer wrote:
>
> FOR SALE: PYRAMID GOLD SERIES POWER SUPPLY - DUAL METERS MODEL PS-26K
> $75.00 +Shipping
>
> <snip>
>
> ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID OR COD
>
> Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
> N1RPD

What is the current limit for this PS?

Chuck Berry
n7chs

729. FS: DAIWA CN-520 PWR Meter

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbd78$7df896e0$cd80dad0@default>
Source record: 2272
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE - Daiwa compact SWR Power Meter Model Number CN-520.
Features aRange 1.8-60MHz. Power 50 ohms - 2kW. Matching Needles on face to
read
Forward and Reflected power and precise SWR.
Price $60 plus a few bucks for shipping.

Charles Francer, N1RPD
francer@gis.net

730. software voor de condor 16

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: "p.van haarlem" <p.haarlem@pi.net>
Message-ID: <34173183.1AAA@pi.net>
Source record: 2273
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,nl.radio.scanners

hallo,
Wie heeft er software voor de condor 16 mobilofoon.
alles is welkom
dus ook info over ombouwsetjes/basisposten en dergelijke
weet of heb je iets mail me dan.

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voor vragen en opmerkingen kun u mailen naar:
E-mail: p.haarlem@pi.net
Packet: tl3pat@gm3bbs (cb-band)
homepage: http://home.pi.net/~phaarlem
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731. Re: FS: Power Supply & Shure Microphone

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Peldor Floxmire <username@wavetech.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbdff$c1eee3e0$629192ce@default>
Source record: 2274
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

Chuck Berry <cberry@aloha.intel.com> wrote in article
<341632FC.5443@aloha.intel.com>...
> Charles Francer wrote:
> > Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
> > N1RPD
> What is the current limit for this PS?
The current limit is the same as the previous limit and hopefully the
future limit.

732. Skywarn School in North Texas

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: David KB5YLG <kb5ylg@why.net>
Message-ID: <01bcbe51$ded487b0$35703cd1@KB5YLG>
Source record: 2275
Cross-posted to: att.ham-radio,dfw.general,fidonet.ham,rec.ham-radio

Skywarn School, Sept 17, 7pm-10pm at BJ Clark Center by Public Library in City of Azle, 1/4 mile west along service road from Denver Trail exit of hwy 199. Open to emergency workers, licensed radio operators, and those wanting to get licensed.
instructor is Jim Stefkovich from National Weather Service.

733. Re: Any sources for a HF transceiver kit?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: bry@REMOVE.mnsinc.com
Message-ID: <3419b87b.8141532@news1.mnsinc.com>
Source record: 2276
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

On Wed, 10 Sep 1997 17:46:57 -0700, Ashok Srinivasan
<ashoks@engr.sgi.com> wrote:

>Since Heathkit's demise, is anyone still making these? Should I
>be looking in flea markets? I need to get a high quality kit
>that has all parts and reasonable techinical support.

There are a LARGE number of kit makers filling the gap these days,
including good old TEN TEC in Tennessee!

You can get a Free, HUGE list of KIT suppliers at:

http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/mega/megakits.htm

ENJOY!

(remove the word REMOVE from my e-mail address to respond!)

734. Re: Any sources for a HF transceiver kit?

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: Simon Lewis <pacsat@pacsat.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <PPOT$DAsIlG0EwJm@pacsat.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2277
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

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In article <3419b87b.8141532@news1.mnsinc.com>, Bry
<bry@REMOVE.mnsinc.com> writes
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>On Wed, 10 Sep 1997 17:46:57 -0700, Ashok Srinivasan
><ashoks@engr.sgi.com> wrote:
>
>>Since Heathkit's demise, is anyone still making these? Should I
>>be looking in flea markets? I need to get a high quality kit
>>that has all parts and reasonable techinical support.
>
>There are a LARGE number of kit makers filling the gap these days,
>including good old TEN TEC in Tennessee!
>
>You can get a Free, HUGE list of KIT suppliers at:
>
>http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/mega/megakits.htm
>
>ENJOY!
>
>(remove the word REMOVE from my e-mail address to respond!)

Try Hands Electronics from the link on my webpage, and also Ramsey
electronics (I found them by a doing a websearch)

Good Luck!

73 Simon GM4PLM
+--------------------------------------------------------------------+
| Simon Lewis GM4PLM Editor - EMN |
| European Microwave News - Supporting Microwave Radio Across Europe |
| Homepage - www.pacsat.demon.co.uk Email emn@pacsat.demon.co.uk |
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735. FS Pristine Condition Kenwood TS-940S with accessories.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mark Florczak <florczak@voicenet.com>
Message-ID: <01bcc12d$7d344d40$437167cf@florczak>
Source record: 2278
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.slowscan,alt.ham-radio.ssb,alt.radio.amateur,alt.radio.amateur.club,alt.radio.amateur.club.clarc,alt.radio.amateur.club.taparc,alt.radio.digital,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur

For Sale: Pristine Condition Kenwood TS-940S
and accessories.

For sale for only $1000.00, including items listed below,
(includes a number of upgrades and accessories). One
Price for all, I'm not splitting it up!

It is 11 or 12 years old and was never used to transmit,
(because I never upgraded from my Tech. Class license).
It makes for a great short wave receiver too.

The TS-940S includes the following upgrades/accessories built in:
Auto Tuner,
SO-1 Temperature Compensated Crystal Osc, (Master Oscillator),
YG-455CN-1 CW Crystal Filter,
YK-88A-1 AM Crystal Filter,
YK-88C-1 CW Crystal Filter,
IF-10B Interface Kit, (Computer Control Interface),

AND IT ALSO INCLUDES the following upgrades/accessories (External):
IF-232C Interface, (Computer Control Interface, level translator),
MC-60A Base Station Microphone,
SW-200 Main Station SWR/Power Meter and
SWC-1 Inline Module, 1.8 to 150MHz, and
SWC-2 Inline Module, 140 to 450 MHz

I'm located in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and can be reached via Email at
the following address: florczak@voicenet.com

Mark

736. WTB: Optoelectronics Cub !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: SH <XXtracker@gate.net>
Message-ID: <5vk73i$l16$1@news.gate.net>
Source record: 2279
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.swap

If you have a Cub for sale please let me know your asking price. Thanks

tracker@gate.net

Important************************

please remove X's from e-mail
address before responding.

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737. WEB RADIO IS HERE

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: "keee.com" <Josh@keee.com.spam-guard>
Message-ID: <01bcc281$371abc40$11f8c8d0@wuss>
Source record: 2280
Cross-posted to: in.ham-radio,nlnet.media.radio,no.alt.radio-tv.irma-1000,no.radio-tv,pl.rec.radio.amatorskie,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.boat anchor

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Hey....wait a minute.....

738. Hmafest: 09/20/97, Mt Holly NJ

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: bob@waterw.com
Message-ID: <5vm3pu$der@sea.waterw.com>
Source record: 2281
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc

The South Jersey Radio Association's (SJRA) hamfest is Saturday, September 20th at the Armory on Rt 38 in Mt Holly, NJ (Burlington County, between NJ Turnpike exits 4 and 5). There are indoor tables with power as well as tailgating. VE testing, prizes, etc.

Talk-in is on the K2AA repeater, 145.29, -600.

More info is at the SJRA page: www.sjra.org or via email from either pehayden@aol.com or bob@waterw.com.

739. Need advice on repairing old FT-101

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ashok Srinivasan <ashoks@engr.sgi.com>
Message-ID: <3420A7A2.2781@engr.sgi.com>
Source record: 2282
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Hi,

I bought an old FT-101 from a guy a few years ago for $250
(who told me it was in good condition) and found that it is in
bad shape recently based on the estimate from the Yaesu service
center ($150parts and $250 labor).

I asked them to send it back to me with the list of
fixes needed so I can do it sometime on my own. I'm not a ham yet
although I'm familiar with superhet. ckts to some extent. Is there a
forum for ft-101 owners on the net? Luckily I do have the user manual
and the service manual so I can start from there. However it would be
good to have more info.

Any advice on fixing the radio would be apreciated. I plan to
buy another ft-101 type rig soon to take to India and I'd also like to
know what the various versions have/ dont have and how easy they
are to maintain (B, E, EE, EX, ZD). The reason I want to go for an
old radio is that servicing a digital radio in India would be
impossible if something went wrong.

Thanks
Ashok

P.S. I'm saddened by being taken advantage like this. Although it
definitely was stupid of me to buy something I couldnt fully
evaluate, I was under the impression that ham swaps were
generally more ethical. Isnt that more or less true?

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740. Re: Need advice on repairing old FT-101

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Bill <billharr@flash.net>
Message-ID: <342030CE.458A@flash.net>
Source record: 2283
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Ashok Srinivasan wrote:

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It used to be so, but not anymore.

741. Re: Need advice on repairing old FT-101

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: ke4zv@bellsouth.net
Message-ID: <342137cb.7345458@news.atl.bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2284
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

On Wed, 17 Sep 1997 21:01:38 -0700, Ashok Srinivasan <ashoks@engr.sgi.com>
wrote:
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Well, hams generally are more ethical than used car salesmen
or TV evangelists, but they aren't saints. And you have to learn
the lingo. "Good" condition means most of the parts are still
there, and that most of the smoke and water damage from the
fire has been cleaned up. If you want equipment that still works,
it has to be labeled as in "excellent" condition or better. But
be wary, most amateurs are chronic cardboard box collectors.
If they offer the radio with the original box, the thing that may
be in "excellent" condition is the shipping box, not the radio.

Ok, I'm having a little fun. Sorry you were burned. My personal
rule is to never expect the radio to work unless I've seen it operate
under power. And I never expect a used radio to be flawless sight
unseen. If the price is right, I'll buy anyway, figuring I can fix it
up. That's half the fun of amateur radio anyway.

There's nothing much you *can't* fix in an old FT101. Mechanical
condition is the most important thing. The condition of the electronics
isn't much of a consideration. Most parts are still commonly available,
and troubleshooting and replacement is straightforward. Yaesu's shop
charges seem to indicate that the radio needs no more than 2.5 hours
of bench time to fix, and it probably needs less than $50 in repair
parts (buying parts from the radio manufacturer should always be
a last resort, the markup is killer). So figuring your hobby time as free,
you still got a good deal, but at $300 net instead of $250.

Gary
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Destructive Testing Systems | We Break It | ke4zv@bellsouth.net
534 Shannon Way | Guaranteed | or
Lawrenceville, GA 30244 | | ke4zv@radio.org

742. Re: Need advice on repairing old FT-101

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-18 00:00:00 UTC
From: lar01@sprynet.com
Message-ID: <34219a65.1025888@news.sprynet.com>
Source record: 2285
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

On Wed, 17 Sep 1997 21:01:38 -0700, Ashok Srinivasan
<ashoks@engr.sgi.com> wrote:

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Hi Ashok
You may disagree with this but if you are not technically inclinde and
good at radio repair, you might reconsider and allow yeasu to repair
the radio. Granted the cost is something more than you planned but

you could also ask them to give the radio a strong going over, cleaning etc, Repairing a radio by remote control is very difficult.
It has been a while since I have seen that model of radio but I think it has one or two tubes in the final and possibly a tube driver, I believe all else is solid state. Once you get that radio is good condition you should then be able to take it to India.
Also, what is the electrical power distribution in India.
Larry ve3fxq

743. hw101/kw820s parts needed!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <342456C5.6867@citynet.net>
Source record: 2286
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Need following parts for Heath HW101:

-heterodyne osc. boards (all)
-plastic freq. readout dial (this one is cracked)
-plastic insulator for plate tuning cap. (goes between tuning rod and
cap.)
will consider junker radio with all above parts working, willing to pay
$30 for junker.
-
Also looking for parts for Kenwood TS-820s:
-need PLL boards (both) in working order

Need parts cheap, please email with parts list and prices.
This is not for me, but for a friend, so questions may take an extra bit
of time to get answered!
Thanks,
Randy, KC8CPK
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>>Remove the nospam! from return email to reply.<<

744. FS: Antique Hallicrafters SX-28 "Super Skyrider"

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Mike Gilbert <jng@mediaone.net>
Message-ID: <3425E714.67CE0171@mediaone.net>
Source record: 2196
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,rec.antiques.radio+phono,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave

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I inherited an antique Hallicrafters SX-28 "Super Skyrider" receiver.
Not being a ham, I realize that I'll never use it for anything, so I've
finally decided to try to find it a good home.

For the uninitiated, the SX-28 is an antique shortwave receiver with
enough dials on the front to run a nuclear power plant singlehandedly,
and its construction is sturdy enough to do a tank proud.

I don't know exactly how old it is, but the manual (which includes
full schematics), is dated November 1, 1943. The front cover says
"frequency range - .55 to 43 megacycles."

Part of the tuning knob is broken off, but the unit seems otherwise
to be in excellent condition. All the dial/knob captions are like new,
the glass in front of the dials is intact, and the whole case is in prime
shape. My uncle must have really taken care of it; If you didn't
know, you'd never guess how old it is just by looking.

I don't really know how to use an SX-28, but when I plugged it in,
I heard shortwave stations, even without an antenna attached. So
it looks like the electronics is all functioning.

It comes with the original manual, and the original separate speaker
and speaker cord (the speaker cord is thicker than the power cord!).

This receiver is obviously obsolete by today's standards, but it may
provide hours of fascination for the right hobbyist.

I've attached a .GIF image from my Quickcam, so you can take
a fuzzy look at it for yourself. The speaker is visible sitting on
top of the receiver.

I'm looking for $300 plus insurance and shipping from the Boston
area, but I'll listen to any reasonable offer. And you have to
promise to give it a good home :-).

Regards,
Mike Gilbert

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745. MDT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don Crozier <ka9qjg@tsrcom.com>
Message-ID: <3425F935.4EDE@tsrcom.com>
Source record: 2287
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio.internet

Hi From Don, KA9QJG Here is a little better copy of the orignal MDT, we still need to share info and get it better let me know if it works for you ??E-MAIL KA9QJG@TSRCOM.COM We also need to know what the legality of monitoring this type of communications??Its not in the CELL portion of the band,Its not SCRAMBLED or ENCRYPTED but Clear ASCI TEXT 4800 BAUD like Ham Radio pkt
HAPPY SCANNING TO ALL AND ENJOY

746. Heathkit Tubetester Help

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Toolman <poustie@concentric.net>
Message-ID: <01bcc70c$3fad7ac0$2fd2adce@user>
Source record: 2197
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I have a Heathkit tubetester model 17-21 in not working condition. I am seeking schematics, user and/or service manual, to put it into workable condition. Any help greatly appreciated. Will gladly send sase or ?
As I understand there are many close cousins of this small portable tester, I would welcome even similar model's info. Best Regards to all.......

Tim Poustie
VE7TBP
poustie@concentric.net

747. MDT.1

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don Crozier <ka9qjg@tsrcom.com>
Message-ID: <3425FB70.66D5@tsrcom.com>
Source record: 2198
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio.internetrec.radio.info

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Hi all from Don KA9QJG yes I know I Forgot the ATTACHMENT

SORRY ENJOY
DON KA9QJG

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748. Re: MDT.1

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: briang@bgserv.demon.co.uk
Message-ID: <874989771snz@bgserv.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2199
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio.internetrec.radio.info

A pratt who posts binaries. Roast him alive! :-)

Brian

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briang@bgserv.demon.co.uk
Brian Gaff AKA B G Services - Still supporting Z80
The Spectrum Emulator

749. Re: MDT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: briang@bgserv.demon.co.uk
Message-ID: <874990167snz@bgserv.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2200
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio.internet

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Send files to an ftp or web site and post the address.

A It lasts longer there than here

B It wastes space on servers all over the world

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D it makes others think they can do it, which is NOT good!

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groups.

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750. RADIO SCOUTING SWITZERLAND AWARD

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Wiesmann <wiesmann@iap.unibe.ch>
Message-ID: <3428D796.17CB@xiap.unibe.ch>
Source record: 2201
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.hf,alt.scouting,rec.scouting.misc,rec.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio

Radio Scouting Switzerland Award
(interesting to work during the JOTA 18/19th Oct)

The working group "Radio Scouting Switzerland" of the Swiss Scout and Guide Movement (HB9JAM) announces the Radio Scouting Switzerland Award. The award shall stimulate the contact between Swiss and worldwide Scouts and Guides. The rules concerning the Radio Scouting Switzerland Award are:

For each band and transmission mode, a contact after 1.1.1997 with a Swiss
- Scout or Guide scores 1 Point
- Scout or Guide radio station scores 3 Points
- association station (HB9JAM or HB4JAM) scores 5 Points.

There is no limitation in band or mode. Contacts via relay stations don't count for this award.

For the award the following points are needed:
- DX Stations 7 Points
- EU Stations 10 Points

To order the diploma send a log, signed by a scout or a guide, and 10 SFr/ 10 US$ or 8 IRC to the Pfadibewegung Schweiz, JOTA, Speichergasse 31, Postfach, CH-3000 Bern 7, Switzerland.

!!for questions please remove the x in the E-Mail reply address!!

751. Re: MDT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: "CA11739@aol.com" <CA11739@iname.com>
Message-ID: <34296DD8.6CE6@iname.com>
Source record: 2202
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio,alt.radio.digital,alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,alt.radio.internet

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CA11739@aol.com

752. WinTone 2.02 DTMF Decoder is now available!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Richard Smerker <rsmerker@steaksandwich.com>
Message-ID: <3429F3CE.5B9FDEFB@steaksandwich.com>
Source record: 2203
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

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The 2.02 version of the WinTone DTMF Decoder is now
available. It fixes the problem with the constant Error 103
and also make tone decoding twice as accurate. Check
it out at http://www.steaksandwich.com.
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753. Needed parts for FT290R (Mk1)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Peter Gorman <peter.gorman@dial.pipex.com>
Message-ID: <01bcc9f8$edb27820$46f482c1@default>
Source record: 2204
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

Need the following aprts for the original FT290R :

1. Black plastic slider that secures the battery cover
2. Mobile mount

Any sources available for purchase in UK please drop me an email
Thanks Peter.....(G1FXE)
Peter.gorman@dial.pipex.com

754. 55', Three Section Crank Up Tower- Heavy Duty Galvanized, SW Florida

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: mrymer@peganet.com
Message-ID: <342c7084.45200374@news.peganet.net>
Source record: 2205
Cross-posted to:
alt.radio.scanner,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap

55 Foot, 3 Section Heavy Duty Galvanized Crank-Up Antenna Tower.
Cable fairly new but pulleys probably need replacing. Minor surface
rust only at base. Purchased used last year but never put up. Tower
is located in Cape Coral Florida which is on the SW Coast. This tower
is approx 24' long in it's down position and weighs about 250-300
pounds. First $150.00 CASHtakes it away. Don't miss this one.
Please e-mail me with any questions you might have about this tower.

mrymer@peganet.com

Thanks,
Mike

755. Re: FS:DRAKE SW-8 Receiver - MINT Cond.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: EA@worldnet.att.net
Message-ID: <60hsj9$kat@bgtnsc02.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2206
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

On 9 Sep 1997 23:23:44 GMT, "Charles Francer" <francer@gis.net> wrote:

>THIS MESSAGE POSTED FOR KA1DPW - RESPOND TO HIM BY E-MAIL: KA1DPW@EROLS.COM
>
> For Sale: Drake SW-8 porta-top shortwave receiver in new condition. Comes
>with AC adapter and manual. Also works on "D" cells. Covers all of HF plus
>VHF Air and FM band in sterio. Has 3 selectable bandwidths, selectable
>sidebands, synch detector.
> Barely had time to use. $600 plus shipping. <ka1dpw@erols.com>
>
>
Now that the new Drake R8B super receiver is out and it has a five
star rating from Passbook to Worldband Radio, you will see a lot of
older Drake R8's for sale. Price will only go Down.

756. 440 ht to trade

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: mike enc <mikel@tir.com>
Message-ID: <01bccb59$8e244200$c555dacd@mikel.tir.com>
Source record: 2207
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I have a HTX-404 440 ht almost new only used a couple of times......
I want to trade e-mail me and tell me what you've got....you mite be
suprised what I will trade it for.......thanks de kb8enc
mikel@tir.com

757. Hy-Gain DX88 Radials or Not??

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: jsollows@bigfoot.com
Message-ID: <60pf30$8ka@mtts01.Teleglobe.net>
Source record: 2208
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

I just obtained a Hy-Gain DX88 10-80m vertical antenna at a local swap meet and am getting conflicting information about this antenna. I have been told that radials are not needed if it is mounted higher than 25 feet. I have also been told that radials are required. I plan on mounting this antenna on a chimney mount at about 35 feet. Perhaps someone who is familiar with this antenna can clear this up for me. Please e-mail me at jsollows@bigfoot.com. Thanks for your help.

73 de VE7JLS Jim
jsollows@bigfoot.com

758. Re: Hy-Gain DX88 Radials or Not??

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-09-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <343060EC.EC1B2F09@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 2209
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio

Call Hy-Gain!

I believe it does need radials. The only non-radial Hy-Gain is the
DX-77; but then it does not cover 80/75.

Phil

759. Avanti 5/8 manual needed

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: chRISTOpher <_NO-SPAM_rumcd@open.org>
Message-ID: <01bcce0f$1c45d0a0$356802c7@c---g-s-pc>
Source record: 2210
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.hf,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.cb

Hello all!

I am seeking a copy of the Avanti 5/8 ground-plane manual or assembly diagram.

I have an old one that is in need of repair and maybe missing some pieces.

Any help would be great! Thanks in advance :-)

kd6fib
-chRISTOpher
rumcd@open.org
http://www.open.org/rumcd/surnames.htm

760. 220 gear fs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-01 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <3432D57C.4D42@citynet.net>
Source record: 2211
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

Well, it's official, both kenwood 3530's must go. asking $175/uship for the pair. Price has been lowered upon inspection, as one radio will need some work. BOTH RADIOS FUNCTION PROPERLY. info:
-excellent radio: first one has all buttons/lamps intact, with some case scratches, and normal mobile wear for a rig of it's age. factory mic, only oddball is someone added taller rubber feet. power cord cut rather short. good radio with a little cleanup.
-needs work: this one has been through the wringer on appearance, as the case has been painted black (decent paintjob..), has 3,4 dings, lcd lamps burnt out, needs power cord grommet, has wrong tuning knob and is missing the f.lock key altogether, and has some sloppy repair to bottom board, BUT it works really well and might make good repeater stock. no ctcss on either unit as far as I can tell. email if interested, as this seems to me to be a good deal on a couple good radios. thanks for your time,
Randy
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>>Remove the nospam! from return email to reply.<<

761. FS**Ham Home**

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Michael D. Ryan" <kb4cvl@erols.com>
Message-ID: <3434F40C.651A@erols.com>
Source record: 2212
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.antenna,dc.forsale.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur

Due to a likely relocation out of Northern Virginia to the west coast of Florida, I am in a position to sell my home in Manassas, Va. about 30 miles west of Washington, D.C. This home is on approx. 5 acres surrounded by tall trees and my 4 towers. The house is a low maintenance, aluminum siding house. It has 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, 1 fireplace in the rec room a finished basement with what I think is an impressive radio room and a walk-out basement. The towers were erected here in 1989 and there are no covenants and restrictions in the neighborhood. The towers were put up after building permits were acquired. There are far too many antennas to list but I have taken much pride in building a contest quality station. One of the towers has an OSCAR satellite station with az/el rotator and the large KLM beams. The other 3 towers are 125, 135 and 150 ft. with rotatables for everything from 1296mhz to 40meters including a triple stack of 4 element 20meter beams with a switching/phasing network (Dunestar box)and assorted dipoles for the 80 and 160 band. Like antennas like I do? How about six antennas for the 6 meter band. Most all of the antennas are fed with 1/2"or 7/8" hardline up the towers. There is genuine quality and durability in the instalation of everything and YOU WILL HAVE a competitive signal on any selected band. If you are in the market for a home in the Washington, D.C. area then come to my antenna farm, a true "Ham's Nirvana". I work as a residential real estate appraiser in this area and know what homes (even without the steel and aluminum 'clouds' over head)are worth. I would be glad to talk to anyone serious about a potential sale but please, please only serious inquires only. My time is just as valuable as anyone elses and with the amount of telemarketing going on these days, well...you get the idea. If you've always wanted to hear what a 40 meter beam at 160ft sounded like then here's your chance. Maybe a once in a lifetime chance...'73.
Please call Mike (703)791-8280 or e-Mail kb4cvl@erols.com

762. new web page

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeremy hopkins <jhop@norden1.com>
Message-ID: <61pf5fdmv0@206.21.251.143>
Source record: 2213
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.commercial-lmr

check it out and tell me what you think
--
Jeremy W. Hopkins
KC8GWH
http://norden1.com/~jhop/index.htm
mailto:jhop@norden1.com
442.850 + mhz in nw ohio

763. Re: new web page

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Lee <rfi@vol.com>
Message-ID: <01bcd838$59482600$b1c10c26@default>
Source record: 2214
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.commercial-lmr

it's amateur radio....not amatuer

and please ditch the blue text on black background.
is it easy for you to read?

jeremy hopkins <jhop@norden1.com> wrote in article
<61pf5fdmv0@206.21.251.143>...
> check it out and tell me what you think
> --
> Jeremy W. Hopkins
> KC8GWH
> http://norden1.com/~jhop/index.htm
> mailto:jhop@norden1.com
> 442.850 + mhz in nw ohio
>
>
>

764. Re: new web page

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: jeremy hopkins <jhop@norden1.com>
Message-ID: <6216b4ncr0@206.21.251.143>
Source record: 2215
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.commercial-lmr

thank you for the input, corrections are being made friday,

Lee wrote:

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765. WTB: HF Mobile Rig

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Eric Christensen <ericsbox@coastalnet.com>
Message-ID: <01bcde6c$6208a820$222db7cc@panther>
Source record: 2216
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.packet,alt.radio,alt.radio-shack,att.ham-radio,cn.rec.hamradio,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap,slac.rec.ham_radi

I would like to buy an HF Rig that is small enough to be used mobile. It
needs to be general coverage. I only have around $450 to $500 to spend.
If you are familiar with such a rig, please email me back.

Thanks and 73s,
Eric Christensen, KF4OTN
Email = ericsbox@coastalnet.com

766. FS: Motorola P110 16 ch. 4 Watts

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb9dbc@juno.com
Message-ID: <344d3263.71800596@nntp.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2217
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,chi.forsale

I have for sale a Motorola P 110 4 watt 16 channel radio. Includes:

4 Batteries (All good)
Spkr/Microphone
Surveillance earpiece/microphone
Rapid Charger

Will pay to have programmed to your specifications.

$400 OBO. -- No reasonable offers refused.

EMail to: kb9dbc@juno.com

767. ����������, ��������

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: ��������� <reclama@workmail.com>
Message-ID: <01bcde7d$24cca180$LocalHost@qwerty>
Source record: 2218
Cross-posted to: rec.games.trading-cards.startrek,rec.games.video,rec.ham-radio,relcom,relcom.accounting,relcom.ads,relcom.ads.comp,relcom.archives,relcom.archives.d,relcom.arts.epic,relcom.arts.magick,relcom.arts.qwerty,relcom.banktech,relcom.bbs,relcom.bbs

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768. FS: Kenwood/AEA/Kantronics

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Robert S. Schaps" <rschaps@signacon.com>
Message-ID: <01bce14a$46782640$6f0165c8@workstation2>
Source record: 2219
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.packet

Equipment for sale. All in excellent operating condition, complete with
original boxes, including manuals and cables:

Kenwood TM-421A 440 MHz Transceiver
Kantronics KTU Weathernode w/sensors
AEA PK88

E-mail your best offer. I'll pay for shipping by UPS within the US

Bob Schaps, WB2NVR

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769. FS: Motorola P110 16 ch 4W Handheld

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: kb9dbc@juno.com
Message-ID: <3451fc0e.205734000@nntp.interaccess.com>
Source record: 2220
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

I have for sale:

Motorola P110 UHF 16 channel 4 watt radio
4 batteries
Speaker/microphone
"Stealth" surveillance earpiece/remote clip microphone
Rapid charger

$400 OBO -- NO REASONABLE OFFERS REFUSED!

I'll even pay to have it programmed to your liking! (I don't program them myself.)

Gregg/KB9DBC
kb9dbc@juno.com

770. China Ham News 10/25/97: China on EME!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: Xiaopeng Rick Niu <xn6@columbia.edu>
Message-ID: <62tn9qhls2@apakabar.cc.columbia.edu>
Source record: 2221
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,relcom.radio.ham

China Ham News 10/25/97
China on EME!

BY1QH, Beijing, confirmed three 2-meter QSOs on EME on Saturday, October 18, and Sunday October 19, 1997. The Tsinghua University Amateur Radio Club station ran 200 watts into a 4x9-element Yagi antenna.

In the first EME experiment, David, BZ1BM, and Lars, SM0KAK, had hoped to work VE7BQH and W5UN from BY1QH, but failed. They did work into Europe and QSOed with three SM stations. David and Lars also heard some DL, 9K and JA amateurs on EME, and are planning their second experiment shortly.

Please direct your interest in working with China on EME to David (bzibm@wg.chnmail.com), the student president of BY1QH.

Edited by:
Rick Niu, BD1QL
MBA '99, Columbia Business School, New York
xn6@columbia.edu

771. FREE HAM Radio gear, San Jose

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-25 00:00:00 UTC
From: chris@NOSPAMderossi.com
Message-ID: <chris-2510971548190001@204.75.39.133>
Source record: 2222
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,slac.rec.ham_radio,ba.market.misc

I haven't used this stuff in years and I'm cleaning out my garage. The entire box of stuff is free to the first person who comes by to pick it up. Sorry, but I don't want to separate the pieces, so it's all or nothing.

Included in the box are:

ICOM IC-720 HF transceiver
Kenwood TW-400A dual-band car-mount transceiver
Yaesu FT-208R handheld
ICOM IC-04AT handheld
Various microphones, chargers, etc.

Everything worked when I packed it away.

I am in the Almaden area of San Jose, CA. You can call me at (408) 997-8000.

_chris

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* Anti-spam device in use. Fix the e-mail address before sending me mail.

772. Re: FREE HAM Radio gear, San Jose

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Shanmarkas@aol.com
Message-ID: <Shanmarkas-2710970904380001@dial14.netwiz.net>
Source record: 2223
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.marketplace,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,slac.rec.ham_radio,ba.market.misc

In article <chris-2510971548190001@204.75.39.133>, chris@NOSPAMderossi.com
(Chris Derossi) wrote:

>>>>>> I called Chris .... the stuff is gone @ this time <<<<<

Mark K7VQU

> I haven't used this stuff in years and I'm cleaning out my garage. The
> entire box of stuff is free to the first person who comes by to pick it
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> _chris
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773. CHINA HAM NEWS 10/28/97: BY1QH Special

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Xiaopeng Rick Niu <xn6@columbia.edu>
Message-ID: <636ekr$e3b$2@apakabar.cc.columbia.edu>
Source record: 2224
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,relcom.radio.ham

CHINA HAM NEWS 10/28/97
BY1QH Special

Contributed by Lars Melin, SM0KAK
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xn6@columbia.edu

* VHF DX

BY1QH is presently looking for stations who want to try 144 MHz DX, and are located less than 2,000 km away from Beijing in such DXCCs as BY, BV, VS, HL, JT, UA, and, in particular, VK6 (less than 400km from Dampier). The Dampier area is the only location to which it would be possible to make QSOs on 144 MHz using Trans-Equatorial Propagation. Stations interested in working with BY1QH on 144 MHz need to have at least one Yagi (preferably horizontally or circularly polarized), the capability to work on SSB or CW, a good take-off (low horizon) in the direction of Beijing, and a minimum output power of 50 watts.

* EME Report

In the first leg of the ARRL EME Contest, BY1QH worked SM5FRH, SM5BSZ and SM2CEW. The QSO with SM5FRH was the first EME QSO ever from China! BY1QH also heard and identified 11 more stations during the contest. Last weekend, BY1QH worked KB8RQ (first BY to North America on EME!) and W5UN. Also heard was VE7BQH.

BY1QH will participate in the second leg of the ARRL EME Contest on November 15-16. Antenna improvement is becoming urgent as it is not yet wind-proof now. In addition, the club is requesting China Radio Sports Association (CRSA) to clear the much QRMed 144.000 MHz caused by local paging system.

* Contact BY1QH

Tsinghua University Amateur Radio Club is seeking any possible assistance from the international amateur radio community, such as on EME. Please feel free to write to: David Zhang, BZ1BM (bzibm@wg.chnmail.com) or Lars Melin, SM0KAK (lars.melin@era.ericsson.se).

CHINA HAM NEWS is available for unlimited, appropriate distribution.

774. FS: Radios,TNCs,Amps,more

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-10-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: cooncat@ncweb.com
Message-ID: <878233910.22525@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2225
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,alt.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap

Hi,

After some 10 years in packet radio, I've decided to go to a "lower profile" and sell off most of my packet ports. All radios are in great shape, as they'veonly been used on packet (very low duty cycle). Some have never had a mic pluggedinto them. All prices are firm, and do not include shipping. I stand behind allthis gear 100%. I'm an Extra class licensee, and a professional Electronics technician. I'm also an ARRL/FCC V.E. Examiner; radio amateur for 20yrs. I tell you this, so that you will have an idea as to how these items were cared for during their time with me. (non smoker) Here's the list:

Alinco DR-110T 2mtr transc. (cellular receive capable ...not modified) $150 Yaesu FT-212RH 2mtr transc. (tone encode/decode .. very user friendly) $175 Icom IC-281H 2mtr transc. (440 rcv. .. 9600 baud capable) $175 Icom IC-38A 220 mhz Xcvr. (used exclusively on packet) $225 Kenwd TM-733A 2mt/440 dual band (9600 baud, used on packet only) $300

Kantronics RFC 3-312 220 amp/pre-amp (30in - 120 out ... up to 150w) $225 Cushcraft 220 (1 1/4mtr) BOOMER (15ele - 15.5db gain) $ 75

Kantronics KPC-3 512K! (I personally did the 512K mod!) $120 Kantronics KPC-9612 (dual port 9600/1200 tnc ... 128K) $200

I have the manuals and in most cases, the original boxes, etc.

Bank certified check or Postal M.O. acceptable tender. Estimate shipping costs at $4 to $7 for continental U.S. via UPS Ground.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact me at:
mailto:cooncat@ncweb.com

Fax: 440-428-2399
Work Phone: 440-255-1080 x883 (8am-4:30pm EST)

73 de Bill, KB8EB (packet addr. is kb8eb@wa8bxn.neoh.oh.usa.na .. but don't know how long I'll have a presence there)

----------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------
http://www.dejanews.com/ Search, Read, Post to Usenet

775. Re: Mitrek Question-Need help on PL vrs DpL tone boards

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-02 00:00:00 UTC
From: N3WUU <nospam.steves@clark.net>
Message-ID: <63jj6k$85@clarknet.clark.net>
Source record: 2226
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

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Wrong! The Yaesu FT-50RD and the VX-1R support DPL. Even the Yaesu
FRS radio supports DPL. Yaesu calls it DCS, but it's the same thing.
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73 de N3WUU
nospam.steves@clark.net
Remove "nospam" from address to reply
Xtinct wrote in message <345cfc10.3063661@news.mia.bellsouth.net>...
>On Sun, 02 Nov 1997 14:47:30 -0600, Cole and Kathy <kc5swi@flash.net>
>wrote:
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>>--------------EB25D22D7B0B6086975FBFC3
>>Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
>>Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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>>Hi all.
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>>Here is another puzzling question for yall: If I want to run a
"tone"
>><ctcss> on my converted mitrek repeater, would a DPL Motorola tone
board
>>work.
>No, it won't.
>
> I have been lately advised that DPL is a digital encryption
>>of pl coding and would not work with Ham radio equipment.
>
>You have been advised correctly. DPL stands for Digital private line
and is
>a low speed digital coding scheme.
>
>I don't believe it is legal for amateurs to use this because it is a
>proprietary scheme to Motorola.
>
>
>>73
>>Cole
>>kc5swi@flash.net
>
>Regards,
>
>Bruce
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>wb4yuc@juno.com
>

776. Re: Mitrek Question-Need help on PL vrs DpL tone boards

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-03 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dave Clausen <dclausen@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <01bce870$efe25520$3907460c@dave>
Source record: 2227
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap
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Just so you know......DPL is only a "Digital Private Line" squelch control. It uses a continuous digital pulse instead of a sub-audible tone to control the audio squelch. It is NOT a audio encryption system. If you have the capability (i.e. a Motorola repeater with DPL) you can use it on the amateur band. You probably won't get any others using the machine unless they have a commercial type radio and have the proper digital code programmed for the repeater.

73
Dave, W4ATT

Xtinct wrote in article
<345cfc10.3063661@news.mia.bellsouth.net>...
> On Sun, 02 Nov 1997 14:47:30 -0600, Cole and Kathy
> wrote:
>
> I don't believe it is legal for amateurs to use this because it is a
> proprietary scheme to Motorola.
>

777. Re: Mitrek Question-Need help on PL vrs DpL tone boards

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-04 00:00:00 UTC
From: nospamdoug469@mindspring.com
Message-ID: <345f234a.484480042@news.mindspring.com>
Source record: 2228
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap
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Yaesu has finally started to offer DPL tone on amateur equipment. I
think the only one so far though is the FT50 dual band radio.
Hopefully others will soon follow suit.

If you want a truely private repeater, DPL is, for now, the way to go.

"Dave Clausen" wrote:

>Just so you know......DPL is only a "Digital Private Line" squelch control.
> It uses a continuous digital pulse instead of a sub-audible tone to
>control the audio squelch. It is NOT a audio encryption system. If you
>have the capability (i.e. a Motorola repeater with DPL) you can use it on
>the amateur band. You probably won't get any others using the machine
>unless they have a commercial type radio and have the proper digital code
>programmed for the repeater.
>
>73
>Dave, W4ATT
>
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><345cfc10.3063661@news.mia.bellsouth.net>...
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whichever is greater, for EACH violation.
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778. Re: Mitrek Question-Need help on PL vrs DpL tone boards

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: JON <w4abc@gte.net>
Message-ID: <63p2j2equ1@gte1.gte.net>
Source record: 2229
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

Hi Cole and Kathy,
Yes there is a difference. If you are considering using ctcss on your machine, and it is for general amateur consumption, then the only item to use would be a conventional "PL" board. The use of a ''DPL" board would all but eliminate the use of your repeater by most individuals. There are 1000 positive and 1000 negative going "DPL" codes to choose from. Some of the newer ham rigs now are equiped with "DPL." If you don't have a real "lid" problem then your best bet is going to be the use of the former.

Cole and Kathy <kc5swi@flash.net> wrote in article
<345CE6E1.9DC4A28E@flash.net>...
> Hi all.
> I want to say up front that the help I have received has been
> tremendous from the news groups! THANKS!
>
> Here is another puzzling question for yall: If I want to run a "tone"
> <ctcss> on my converted mitrek repeater, would a DPL Motorola tone board
> work. I don't know the entire difference between DPL and pl tone
> boards. I thought the DPL board was just a programmable tone board, and
> would work with regular "pl" tones I associate with normal
> repeaters. I have been lately advised that DPL is a digital encryption
> of pl coding and would not work with Ham radio equipment.
>
> Who is correct????
>
> Will the DPL tone board allow a normally equipped ham radio to access
> the repeater?
> Thanks in advance for all the long distance Elmer'ing! I prefer e-mail
> responses if possible so I don't miss one!!
> 73
> Cole
> kc5swi@flash.net
>

779. WTB:> VHF Duplexer

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-05 00:00:00 UTC
From: Cole and Kathy <kc5swi@flash.net>
Message-ID: <34613F55.BE069D55@flash.net>
Source record: 2230
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio
Body handling: HTML body converted to readable text

Hello group!

I am looking for a set a vhf Duplexers for 2 meter 600 khtz split.
Prefer wacom, but I will consider others in good working order.
Please e-mail at kc5swi@flash.net

Thanks,
Cole

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I am looking for a set a vhf Duplexers for 2 meter 600 khtz split.
Prefer wacom, but I will consider others in good working order.

Please e-mail at kc5swi@flash.net

Thanks,

Cole

780. Re: FS: TS520&gear

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: James Burchfield <cliftab@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <34664265.4C7D@bellsouth.net>
Source record: 2231
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.misc.forsale,rec.radio.amateur,MISC.FORSALE,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc,alt.marketplace.funky-stuff.forsale

Randy/DeeDee/Robin wrote:
>
> Hi, all, have the following for sale:
>
> Kenwood TS520:
>
> Works great, I haven't used it much, some friends have talked on it.
> bought as incentive to upgrade, still haven't upgraded. Case is somewhat
> worn, rating about a 5 on the scale, top is scrached and worn the most,
> but the faceplate gets a 7, lettering in great shape, plastic isn't
> scratched, meters look and work good with no scratches. Basically
> repaint and it will look great. has DC converter pak on back. 10-80m,
> has 11m crystal w/toggle switch mounted between boards accessable from
> bottom hole.(I did NOT do that...).
>
> MFJ antenna tuner, 100w, don't have model # handy, email and I'll have
> it then... MINT
>
> Heathkit Freq. counter IM2410 10-225MHz
> almost MINT, needs a led pod for the last number, Looks as if it were
> built yesterday, really. works great!
>
> Asking $325 for the lot if u ship!
> thanks,
> Randy
>
> --
> >>Remove the nospam! from return email to reply.<<
Randy, what are u asking for the 520 alone?
Tnx for the reply, Pat/KC4PHM

781. FS Pwr Supply, Sure Mic

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-09 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bced2c$d32fcb40$0b7906d1@default>
Source record: 2232
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID OR COD

Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
N1RPD

782. FS: HW 101 parts/fix???

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <34669DA4.43C0@citynet.net>
Source record: 2233
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Have Heathkit hw101 for sale, also hp 23 pwr. supply in other posting...
101 is in rather good cosmetic shape. Face is decent, case good, having
a few blemishes, no dents, large scratches, etc. Rig seems to be
complete, but sadly, it needs het. osc. boards..(well, not really the
boards, but the tuning slugs/cavities all seem to be cracked, split,
missing, etc). The drive control has come loose and will slide right out
(sorry, I pulled on it, was working ok!) missing one rubber foot, needs
new dial disc, powers up ok, can hear some stations barely on 80, so it
does kinda work, has finals, etc. What's it worth? $40.00?
Reply via email,
Thanks!
Randy, KC8CPK
--
>>To reply, remove the dot between 'city' and 'net'<<

>>Randy- KC8CPK, CRTT, NREMT-P, ICQ 4455106<<
>>Robin- RN, MICU<<
>>DeeDee- CCC,SLP<<

783. FS: HP-23 power supply

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <34669B61.58ED@citynet.net>
Source record: 2234
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Hi,

I have a Heathkit HP 23 power supply for sale. Works great, has
switches for pwr off/on, dual voltage and pwr on lamp. In very good
cosmetic condition as well. Only a few blemishes but has some
'labelmaker tape' identifying the voltages switch. Mostly just glue
marks from tape, etc. Have 'homebrew' pwr. cord for HW 101... pretty
rough and not well made, but has proper connectors. will go with first
piece of equip out the door. See HW101 posting! Want both maybe??
Reasonable offers considered and uship! reply via email.
thanks,
Randy, KC8CPK
--
>>To reply, remove the dot between 'city' and 'net'<<

>>Randy- KC8CPK, CRTT, NREMT-P, ICQ 4455106<<
>>Robin- RN, MICU<<
>>DeeDee- CCC,SLP<<

784. CHINA HAM NEWS 11/11/97: EME Schedule

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-11 00:00:00 UTC
From: Xiaopeng Rick Niu <xn6@columbia.edu>
Message-ID: <64a9er$7mo$2@apakabar.cc.columbia.edu>
Source record: 2235
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.space,relcom.radio.ham

CHINA HAM NEWS 11/11/97: EME Schedule

Contributed by Lars Melin, SM0KAK
Member, Tsinghua University Amateur Radio Club, Beijing, China

Edited by Rick Niu, BD1QL
MBA '99, Columbia Business School, New York, NY
xn6@columbia.edu

BY1QH will be QRV on 144MHz EME at 1300-2300z, Saturday, November 15, 1997.

1400-1600z CQ
1600-1700z Listen around
1700-1900z CQ
1900-2000z Listen around
2000-2100z CQ
2100-2200z Listen around
2200-2300z CQ

BY1QH will always call CQ on 144.120MHz, using two-minute timing, with BY1QH transmitting in the first period. BY1QH plans to stay on 144.120MHz the full even hour, and stay there longer if someone is heard at the end of the hour.

During the contest, BY1QH will be QRV on a borrowed mobile phone: (86-10) 9085-4674.

So far BY1QH has worked SM5FRH, SM5BSZ, SM2CEW, KB8RQ, and W5UN.
If you want to see some pictures taken at BY1QH just before the first leg of the ARRL EME contest, take a look at the homepage of PA3DSS:
http://www.horizon.nl/~tdekkers/by1qh/index.html.

CHINA HAM NEWS is available for unlimited, appropriate distribution.

785. FS: TS520

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-12 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <346A44AD.1EF3@citynet.net>
Source record: 2236
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Hi, all, still have the TS520 in great electrical shape and decent cosmetic shape for sale or trade. Looking for and HT1000 ht VHF 16ch. or sale radio, mic, xtra tubes, cw filter, dc power pack option for $250uship. Thanks for the time and reply via email.
73,
Randy
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>>To reply, remove the dot between 'city' and 'net'<<

>>Randy- KC8CPK, CRTT, NREMT-P, ICQ 4455106<<
>>Robin- RN, MICU<<
>>DeeDee- CCC,SLP<<

786. Baycom Modem

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Oesch <yves.oesch@epfl.ch>
Message-ID: <346C78F4.17C1@epfl.ch>
Source record: 2237
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,uk.radio.amateur

Hello all,
Who knows well the little packet modem called Baycom.
I have made 2 of them, and I wanted to know the role of the 4th
inverter, whose input and output is connected on the main chip (TCM 3105
modem)
Best thanks for your help
yves OESCH/HB9VJV
PR: hb9vjv@hb9iap.srom.che.eu
E-Mail: yves.oesch@epfl.ch

787. Re: Baycom Modem

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: hlees <hlees@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <64j2jn$67n$1@news3.texas.net>
Source record: 2238
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,uk.radio.amateur
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It ties the clock to the xmit, see attachment.
de KJ6WS

Oesch wrote in message <346C78F4.17C1@epfl.ch>...
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>I have made 2 of them, and I wanted to know the role of the 4th
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>Best thanks for your help
>yves OESCH/HB9VJV
>PR: hb9vjv@hb9iap.srom.che.eu
>E-Mail: yves.oesch@epfl.ch

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788. Quality Pwr Supply & Sure Mic NEW Cond

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcf1d1$dc5750e0$857806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2152
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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papers. $85.00+Shipped

Charles Francer n1rpd
n1rpd@amsat.org

789. Re: Baycom Modem

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Roger Barker <roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Message-ID: <vqEYUFAvTXb0EwnX@peaksys.demon.co.uk>
Source record: 2239
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,uk.radio.amateur

In article <64j2jn$67n$1@news3.texas.net>, hlees <hlees@ix.netcom.com>
writes

>Oesch wrote in message <346C78F4.17C1@epfl.ch>...
>>Hello all,
>>Who knows well the little packet modem called Baycom.
>>I have made 2 of them, and I wanted to know the role of the 4th
>>inverter, whose input and output is connected on the main chip (TCM 3105
>>modem)

> It ties the clock to the xmit, see attachment.
>de KJ6WS

That's not quite right. It connects the clock output to TRS, which is
not "xmit".

On the TCM3105, the mode is selected using the TXR1, TXR2 and TRS
inputs. In the Baycom modem application, TXR1 and TXR2 are grounded and
the clock is applied to TRS - this selects Bell 202, 1200 bps transmit
and receive. The TCM3105 data sheet can be consulted for a list of the
other modes available from the chip.

One other point - the Baycom modem circuit shown in the attachment only
drives the CTS output at TTL level. This will give problems with the
comm ports on some PCs. There is a better design which uses a PNP
transistor to drive the CTS and which allows the output to swing
properly negative.

--
Roger Barker, G4IDE roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk
Boston, UK http://www.peaksys.demon.co.uk
"Be tolerant of everything, except for intolerance!"

790. Re: Baycom Modem

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: olympus@nospam.prestel.co.uk
Message-ID: <346e2a56.2956622@news.prestel.co.uk>
Source record: 2240
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio.packet,rec.ham-radio,uk.radio.amateur

On Sat, 15 Nov 1997 10:09:51 +0000, Roger Barker
<roger@peaksys.demon.co.uk> wrote:

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>drives the CTS output at TTL level. This will give problems with the
>comm ports on some PCs. There is a better design which uses a PNP
>transistor to drive the CTS and which allows the output to swing
>properly negative.

Thanks for the explanation. I've often wondered what
that transistor was for. (Too brain-dead to work it
out for myself).

73

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- Jim, g4rga | A cynic is:
jayemd @cix.co.uk | a man who knows the price of everything
news @jimdee.prestel.co.uk | and the value of nothing.
106623.63 @compuserve.com |
| -- Oscar Wilde 1854 - 1900.
Rallies etc: www2.prestel.co.uk/jimdee

791. FS: TEST EQPT & QRP RIG NEW!

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-15 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcf1ce$fdedac20$a87d06d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2241
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

CONTACT KA1DPW@EROLS.COM

NEW //Palomar Engineers PFS-1 Field Strength Meter. Covers 1.8 to 150 MHz. Tuned input circuit removes out-of-band signals. Has a 20 dB gain amp to further improve sensitivity. Gain measurement using panel meter to better than .2dB. Has 30 dB attenuator w/5dB steps. Never used, $100. Contact Dave <ka1dpw@erols.com>

NEW//A&A Engineering 30 meter 5 watt QRP rig. Single conversion, AGC, VFO, CW sidetone, w/speaker & sidetone. Fully calibrated. Never used, $100. Contact Dave <ka1dpw@erols.com>

792. Kenwood TS 870 Transceiver w/SO-2 TCXO unit.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don Sprague <dsprague@gwi.net>
Message-ID: <346EA7BD.440DCAEA@gwi.net>
Source record: 2153
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amatur.equipment

For Sale: Kenwood TS 870 Transceiver w/SO-2 TCXO unit.

Mint condition with all manuals, mike & original box.

Incredible receiver fidelity.

Price $1650 plus shipping.

Tel: 207-549-3192

Need cash but plan to get same rig next spring.

Don de N1AUY

793. FS: Antenna Tuners

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Radio Man <starman@mtco.com>
Message-ID: <346F9997.50E9@mtco.com>
Source record: 2154
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap

For Sale: I have two antenna tuners...

1) Dentron "Jr. Monitor" -- Compact size makes it excellent for QRP or power up to 300 watts. Covers 80 thru 10 meters. Size is about 2 x 6 x 6 inches. Looks like new with manual. Rugged design and built to last. $45 + Shipping on 3 pounds.

2) MFJ-969 Roller Inductor Tuner -- Has built-in 300 watt dummy load and antenna switch. Like new and still in the box. Excellent HF tuner! $110 + Shipping on 6 pounds.

Thanks,

Steve WA9FDZ (ex WB9KEV)

794. FS: Ham Accessories

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Radio Man <starman@mtco.com>
Message-ID: <346FA3A4.11DC@mtco.com>
Source record: 2155
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.antenna

For Sale:

1) Hustler 6BTV all-band (60 thru 10 including 30M) vertical antenna. Used 1 month and then carefully disassembled and put back into original box. No damage, clean, works great. The wife just didn't like it sticking out of the ground in the back yard. $110 + Shipping.

2) Bencher BY-1 iambic CW paddle. Very good condition. $40 + Shipping.

3) MFJ-564 iambic CW paddle. Like new in original box. Chrome plated base, red paddles. $40 + Shipping.

4) MFJ-1272 MYV packet/microphone switch. This accessory allows you to have your TNC and mic hooked to the rig at the same time. A front pannel switch allows you to change between the TNC or Mic wit the push of a button. Also, the 1272 makes it easy to hook your KAM to a Yaesu without any soldering. Includes necessary cables. Like new in original box. $25 + Shipping.

5) B&W "Model 600" Grid Dip Meter. Excellent diagnostic and design tool. In very good condition. Includes coils covering broadcast to 240Mhz, wooden case, manual, spare tube. $45 + Shipping.

6) SURE 488T Noise Cancelling Microphone -- Transistorized hand mic that is FAA certified for Aircraft application (TSO-C58) Frequency response from 200 to 4 KHz. Low impedance dynamic (100 to 220 ohms) element. With Neoprene coiled cord and data sheet. Ready to be wired for your application. Used, but clean. $25 + Shipping.

7) TUBES -- Quantity of 96 tubes. 37 of them are in original tattered JAN boxes. Numbers like: 26C6, 6CZ5, 6DJ8, 6BL8, 6B8, 12K8-Y, 12SK7, 12A6, 12SQ7, 6J5, 12SR7, 6L7, 26V6, 26A6, 26FZ6, 26D6, 6AL5, 12AU7, 6AJ5, 12SA7, 12SJ7, 12SA7Y, and one (1) 4X150D transmitter tube. All tubes have been tested on a TV-7 military tube tester and found to be good. All 96 tubes for $40 + Shipping

Thanks,

Steve WA9FDZ (ex WB9KEV)

795. FS: ACR-RT-10 XCVR

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: Radio Man <starman@mtco.com>
Message-ID: <346F9B72.4002@mtco.com>
Source record: 2156
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.ham-radio

For Sale: Survival radio (aircraft pilot, military) Model ACR-RT-10.
Rugged solid-state design. In very good condition. $45 + Shipping on 2
pounds.

Thanks,

Steve WA9FDZ (ex WB9KEV)

796. Need TS820 information

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: pierfelice@mci2000.com
Message-ID: <879818684.31176@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2157
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors

Anyone know what it takes to get a TS820 AUX band position to run on 30 meters? Obviously, a crystal and I think some coils are normally missing. ?? Any help would be appreciated. TNX KB8TL pierfelice @ MCI2000 . COM (remove spaces)

----------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------
http://www.dejanews.com/ Search, Read, Post to Usenet

797. AmiNOS + PPP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-17 00:00:00 UTC
From: Xyster <xysteram@eskulap.am.lublin.pl>
Message-ID: <347108B0.3590@eskulap.am.lublin.pl>
Source record: 2158

Hello!
I want to write an article about AmigaNOS and old Amiga A500 + modem 14400.This article is for Polish Amiga Magazyn. I'v got AmigaNOS but I dont' know how to use NOS with my PPP-provider (TPSA (Poland: +48) 0202122). Have you any help about PPP and NOS and good configured NOS-dial, NOS.rc, NOS-Startup?

How to use terminal (Ncomm, TeleTerm, Handshake) with PPP? Is it real?

Please if you can help me,
Greets from Sylwester Mielniczuk (Xyster)

Pozdrawiam!
****
Xyster's INFO>> http://platon.man.lublin.pl/~xyster **********
Medical Channel: Chat on Martwica OS: telnet platon.man.lublin.pl 3334

798. FS: NEW Optoelectronics Xplorer

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-19 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcf489$4ff9d040$437806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2159
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

FOR SALE: New Optoelectronics Xplorer with Opto-Case, telescopic whip, Commet CH-32 stubby antenna, ANLI VHF/UHF rubber-duck, serial cable to down-load to computer, Xplorer software, manual and charger/adapter. Never used. $700. Contact Dave <ka1dpw@erols.com>

799. FS misc crystals

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Larry Asp <larry.asp@sympatico.ca>
Message-ID: <34765411.FE3@sympatico.ca>
Source record: 2160

Bag of 20 xtals, 2 - 4 mc. range, 1 - 12.455, 2 147mc, 1 29.261mc
$8.00 including shipping.

800. Kachina 505DSP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: TodJK <todjk@mhtc.net>
Message-ID: <6587tf$5vq$1@news3.alpha.net>
Source record: 2161

I'm interested in hearing from any 505DSP owners on their thoughts on this unit. IS IT JUNK?

801. tektronics oscilloscope question

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: Randy/DeeDee/Robin <dc@citynet.net>
Message-ID: <3477815D.6937@citynet.net>
Source record: 2162
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap

Anyone know what a tektronics 585a scope is worth? Is this the scope
included in those mail order training programs? Have one for sale
locally and wondering if price is right..reply via email! thanks,
Randy
--
>>To reply, remove the dot between 'city' and 'net'<<

>>Randy- KC8CPK, CRTT, NREMT-P, ICQ 4455106<<
>>Robin- RN, MICU<<
>>DeeDee- CCC,SLP<<

802. more 727 help needed

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: David Foster <dfoster@pdq.net>
Message-ID: <3477C234.1D9A1248@pdq.net>
Source record: 2163

I have a Yeasu 727 dual band. Still New in box.
I need a reset code that will do two things at once, change the
radio to wide transmit/treceice (450-470mhz) and change the
channel spacing to 12.5 khz.
The normal wide band code - 110000 will give me wide band but
leaves the channel spacing as 10 and 20 khz.
code 660100 will give me 12.5 splits but leaves me stuck in 70cm.
Any help?

DF

803. FS Kenwood Stuff

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Kevin E. Gray" <kevingray@edgetechig.com>
Message-ID: <3478329d.0@NEWS.CLOVER.NET>
Source record: 2164

For Sale

PS 50 Power Supply Kenwood

MC 85 Microphone

SP 430 speaker

thanks,

Kevin

kevingray@edgetechig.com

804. FS Yaesu 900 AT

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Kevin E. Gray" <kevingray@edgetechig.com>
Message-ID: <347832e2.0@NEWS.CLOVER.NET>
Source record: 2165

Mint condition Yaesu 900 AT with brand new separation kit never used.

Complete package 795 shipped.

kevingray@edgetechig.com

805. LDG Electronics???

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-23 00:00:00 UTC
From: ggadwa@cyberhighway.net
Message-ID: <347898ad.2745810@news.cyberhighway.net>
Source record: 2166

Has anyone built and or used the LDG Electronics Auto Antenna Tuner.
Its a interseting kit for QRP and has a 100 watt version. Sure would
appreciate hearing from builder or user of the LDG Electronics Auto
Tuner. Saw it in QST Jan 96 and now in CQ DEC 97....

GARY GADWA
WA7FSI / NNNOISD

806. JD1 expedition

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: sawaken@flab.fujitsu.co.jp
Message-ID: <s95n2iuzoio.fsf@bulldog.bulldog.flab.fujitsu.co.jp>
Source record: 2167
Cross-posted to: fj.rec.ham,rec.ham-radio

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$B6uCf@~EENO(B: 50W
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JR0BQD,Mr.HONDA will QRV on HF bands from JD1,
Ogasawara-Chichijima,Japan(Zone 27).Chiefly, he
will operate for the CQ WW DX contest,but before
and after that contest,he will do normal QSO.
Outline of his operation is following.

CALLSIGN: JR0BQD/JD1
DATE: 28th November through 5th December(GMT)
BAND: 3.5,(3.8),7,10,14,18,21,24,28MHz
MODE: CW(some chance for SSB)
POWER: 50W on antenna
CARD: Please send by a BUREAU if you possible.
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Thanks, K.Sawada/JL1GJE

807. Power Supply

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcf87d$59492ea0$cc7d06d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2168
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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Charles Francer N1RPD
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808. Daiwa Meter

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-24 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcf87d$94e705e0$cc7d06d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2169
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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809. New Yaesu Dealer (special offers)

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martyn <martyn@intecc.co.uk>
Message-ID: <01bcfab4$80ae5fe0$6be4f3c1@martyn>
Source record: 2170
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner,alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.scanner,uk.radio.amateur

I am pleased to announce that as of last Wednesday, Multicomm 2000 became an OFFICIAL YAESU DEALER. We will be carrying the whole Yaesu range in stock including accessories.
For those of you who already know my company, we are renowned for offering leading brand names at the very best prices and so for a limited time only, we will be offering the Yaesu FT920 complete with an FM board, SP8 Speaker ,MD100 Mic and a 20amp PSU all for £1499 which should entice you .
For more details on our other offers please feel free to visit our web site
www.multicomm2000.com where if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us

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Best 73's
Martyn Allison
Multicomm 2000
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810. FS New Power Supply

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcfb4b$b2c05780$2d7806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2171
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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811. WTB - 220 Band Unit For ICOM

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: risd <risd@flash.net>
Message-ID: <347F5E83.4DFA@flash.net>
Source record: 2172
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.ham-radio

Want to buy 220 band unit model UX 39 for Icom 900-901 Series. Please respond via email if you have a unit you wish to sell or trade. Prefer to purchase outright, but would trade if possible. Please give price with response.

73's
joe
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mailto:risd@flash.net

812. FS: Shure Mic & Power Supply Good Price

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcfb9b$995023c0$077806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2173
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.swap

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Adjustable Voltage Output - In Box and all docs. 22amps
$95.00 +Shipping or obo

Quality-SHURE- Prologue Microphone Model 6L-B NEW COND IN BOX WITH
papers. $85.00+Shipped 0r obo
Charles Francer n1rpd
n1rpd@amsat.org

813. FS DAIWA METER

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcfb9b$09337080$077806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2174
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.swap

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Thanks for reading my offer

Charles Francer, N1RPD

814. FS: Mint Variable Pwr Suppl/Dual Meters

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcfd85$c1322d20$237806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2175
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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815. FS: Daiwa SWR-Pwr Meter Great Cond.

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-11-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bcfd86$2a7b4d20$237806d1@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2176
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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816. TM-733 Cross Band Repeat mode ??

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-06 00:00:00 UTC
From: Dirk Schuurs <dschuurs@worldonline.nl>
Message-ID: <01bd0293$99da23a0$ba86f1c3@none.worldonline>
Source record: 2177
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,uk.radio.amateur

Hello,

It seems to be possible to operate the TM-733/E in Cross Band Repeat mode.
In the American (733/A) version it's only a software trick and already
installed from factory (altough not documented in the manual.) :

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Cross Band Repeating (source N5LJV)
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Cross band repeat isn't documented but comes ready from the factory.
To enable cross band repeat from the front panel, first select a band
by pressing BAND SELECT. Then, change the control to the other band by
hitting [CONT SEL]. Next, press [F] for one second, then the "X" button
(far right side). Decimals will appear between the Kilohertz digits, and
the "ON" indicator will light momentarily. The microphone sequence to
enable cross band repeat while in remote control mode is "DC".

The transmitter hang time can be toggled between 500ms to 0ms by
turning on the radio with [LOW] pressed. They also recommend enabling
the Time-out Timer, for obvious reasons.

Note that the TM-733 can also be used as a "one-way" cross-band repeater.
For example, if you can receive a distant repeater with your HT, but have
difficulty getting into it, you can use the TM-733 to boost your
transmitted
signal. To set this up, just omit the part where you "change the control
to the other band by pressing [CONT SEL]." Doing this will setup the
TM-733
to repeat your signal to the other band, but will not retransmit the
distant
station back to you. If this sounds ambiguous, play around with it a little

and it will begin to make sense.
(SOURCE: N5LJV)
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In the European version of the 733/E we have to make a hardware
modification first to get the "X" symbol on the display , and thus to put
the rig in Cross Band Repeat mode !

Who can tell me more about this hardware modification ??

tnx es 73 de Dirk, PA3GWL

pa3gwl@amsat.org

817. FS DAIWA Meter CN520 $60

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bd05bb$8d118200$d680dad0@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2178
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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818. FS Variable Regulated Pwr Supply $99

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-10 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bd05bc$1072ee40$d680dad0@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2179
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

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819. ICOM R71A power supply fix

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-13 00:00:00 UTC
From: pierfelice <pierfelice@NoToSpam.MCI2000.com>
Message-ID: <01bd0764$ed2e4b00$LocalHost@default>
Source record: 2180
Cross-posted to:
rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.radio.shortwave

My R71A had power supply trouble as many have had or will. The design of
the supply results in poor regulation and AC ripple on the supply output.
My solution was replacing the active components with one ECG1954 low
dropout 12 Volt 1Amp 3 terminal regulator. The ECG1954 requires but 13
Volts at it's input to function unlike other 3 terminal regulators that
require about 16 Volts (such as the 7812). The ECG1954 is a TO220 case as
was the original pass transistor Q1. Cost of the ECG1954 was $5.
Basic steps I performed:
1) Remove the regulator unit from the radio.
2) Remove the PC board / transformer from the regulator unit frame.
3) Remove everything on the PC board except
C11,L1,F4,D1,C3,C4,C5,C6,C7,C9,T1
4) Install the ECG1954 where Q1 used to reside. Note that the mica
insulator is no longer necessary on the heat sink and can be removed for
improved heat transfer.
5) You will have to jumper the input and output pins of the ECG1954
appropriately. Add a jumper from the cold end of the fuse to the ECG1954
input. Jumper from the ground side of C7 to the ECG1954 ground pin and
jumper the ECG1954 output to the radio's DC input. I removed J2/P2 from my
radio.
6) I also glued a rubber grommet on top of T1 to contact the bottom cover
and reduce vibration induced in the cover from T1's field.
7) Put the radio back together.
Note that this fix may not work with other than "bare bones" R71's. Mine
does not have the crystal heater, FM, remote or any other option. The radio
uses almost 1 amp as is and radios with more options may require a second
regulator.
How does it work? Great! Even though the radio was designed to run at 13.6
Volts, mine runs fine at 12. No hum and stable down to 105 Volts line. I
also installed an International Radio (WWW.QTH.COM/INRAD) Fox-Tango CW
filter at the time of this modification and I am very happy with the
filter's performance.
Bob, KB8TL
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pierfelice@NOTOSPAM.MCI2000.COM
(Discard "NOTOSPAM" to reply)

820. FS: Tek 6-channel storage scope

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: vantonova@aol.com
Message-ID: <882071753.585170951@dejanews.com>
Source record: 2181
Cross-posted to:
sci.electronics.equipment,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

I have a 5000 series Tektronix scope for sale. It has 6 channels, 2 beams (with independant focus and intensity for each beam), storage and a dual delayed timebase. It's in good condition. I'm asking $400 or offer. Highest reasonable offer takes it.

Alex.

----------==== Posted via Deja News ====----------
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821. WTB: Allied 2567 CB Radio

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: David <Freimark@mail.com>
Message-ID: <670nbp$pnt@newsops.execpc.com>
Source record: 2182
Cross-posted to:
sci.electronics.equipment,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

I'm looking for an Allied Citizen's band radio model number 2567.
It is a 23 channel crystal-controlled radio. A large dial, loud
relay, and big S-meter are it's features.

Please send a price to the email below. I'm serious about this,
so you are not wasting your time.

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Dave freimark@mail.com www.friemark.com

822. Re: FS Items For Sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-14 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tom Lempicke <Tlempick@cetlink.net>
Message-ID: <3493E0F8.389F7F05@cetlink.net>
Source record: 2183
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave

have a very clean Kenwood TS-711A two meter all mode rig with manuals
for Sale. Looks like
it just came from the factory. Hasn't been used for at least a year
since I lost interest in Satellite. $475 shipped UPS ground in the USA.

Tlempick@cetlink.net

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Tom Lempicke
Country Squire Airport (N43,52.14 -- W81,02.98)
Glastar #5287 - Flying GR8in98

823. Re: WTB: Allied 2567 CB Radio

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-16 00:00:00 UTC
From: nq9220700-Ostrowski <dwostrowski@lucent.com>
Message-ID: <3496C4E8.500F9F30@lucent.com>
Source record: 2184
Cross-posted to:
sci.electronics.equipment,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.homebrew,rec.ham-radio

David wrote:
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> so you are not wasting your time.
>
> --
> Dave freimark@mail.com www.friemark.com

David,

Re: 2567 radio

What do you need? I have a few of them stored in my pole barn for
parts.... BTW, the Cobra Cam98 is the same radio.

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824. Multicomm 2000 Christmas

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-20 00:00:00 UTC
From: Martyn <martyn@intecc.co.uk>
Message-ID: <349c6111.0@norbert.cerbernet.co.uk>
Source record: 2185
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.scanner.uk,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.scanner

Just a quick note to inform all of our customers old and new that Multicomm 2000 will be closed for Christmas from the 23rd of Dec until 6th of January.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and to thank all of our customers, world wide for their continued support
http://www.multicomm2000.com

Warmest Wishes
Martyn Allison
Multicomm 2000

825. WTD KEN REPAIR FACILITY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-21 00:00:00 UTC
From: Al <daclark@lni.net>
Message-ID: <349E0A2B.24EA@lni.net>
Source record: 2186
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I'm looking for a top notch Kenwood repair tech or facility for my
extensively modified tm-742a with distorted 70 cm audio output. Does
anyone have any great advice?
tnx & Happy Holidays

826. Re: WTD KEN REPAIR FACILITY

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-22 00:00:00 UTC
From: WB9IOG <WB9IOG@REVEALED.NET>
Message-ID: <349EA665.1755@REVEALED.NET>
Source record: 2187
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Al wrote:
>
> I'm looking for a top notch Kenwood repair tech or facility for my
> extensively modified tm-742a with distorted 70 cm audio output. Does
> anyone have any great advice?
> tnx & Happy Holidays
Hi
The extensively modified comment would really bother a pro.
Hoever, suggest you get in touch with AAVID they advertise in
QST Auth KW repair center.
You can e mail to avvid@onramp.net
Mike

827. Re: HAM CLUBS & NG's ALL THE SAME

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: DANO <kimo9@idt.net>
Message-ID: <01bd120e$f0a79ac0$LocalHost@kimo9>
Source record: 2188
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

as someone making my way into the word of ham radio, i've noticed a common thread betweem the type of people involved in club's,ng's, and even the crowd at hamfest's.
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HMMMM. seems to me that anyone under 55 yrs old is more interested in "knowing more" than the guy next to him, and i find these rocket scientist to be more anoying than helpful.
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i'm 34, never learned that quote from school, but i practice it every day. anyone else care to give it a try. we just might save ham radio for our children

DAN0

828. Re: HAM CLUBS & NG's ALL THE SAME

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-26 00:00:00 UTC
From: Don or Darla Arnold <DArnold@datasync.com>
Message-ID: <34A48EB1.3CD0@datasync.com>
Source record: 2189
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

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GOOD POINT

don
kb5fhx
nci-1087
http://www.datasync.com/skywarn

829. For Sale - Dual Meter Pwr Supply $99

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-27 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bd12d8$63d548c0$d480dad0@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2190
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.swap

New Condition Pyramid Gold Series Regulated Power Supply - INBox
Model Number PS-26K
Individual Amp And Voltage Meters
Input: 115 VAC 60 Hz 500W Max. Fuse Protected
Front Panel Positive And Negative Output Leads
Power Switch: Illuminated 15Amp 125VAC
Output: Adjustable 6-15VDC 22 Amp Regulated Low Ripple Output
Overload Protection Devices & Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Over Temperature Protection With Instant Automatic Reset
Built In Cooling Fan
Original Box, Instructions, And Schematic
New Condition - All Papers
PRICE: $99.00 PLUS SHIPPING. (Shipping Not Negotiable)

Charles Francer N1RPD
francer@gis.net

830. IOTA EU-126

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Rolf Moberg <rmoberg@mail.student.oulu.fi>
Message-ID: <Pine.SGI.3.95.971228163447.2108A-100000@paju.oulu.fi>
Source record: 2191
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur,uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.dx,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio

OH8TA will activate Hailuoto island EU-126 in 6-8 February 1998. Working begins about 1600 UTC in Friday and lasts to Sunday afternoon.

We concentrate on 20m activity (SSB / CW) but work other HF/VHF/UHF bands as well. RTTY / AMTOR are possible modes too.

QSL via buro is preferred.

Team consists about 10 operators. Main antenna is ex-MF/HF marine vertical, about 20 m long. It's situated in sea shore. Linear amplifier is used in 20m / 160 m operation. If you have any questions/schedule asks don't hesitate to mail

We were working in same place in last August. Chechk www-pages (containing a lot of pictures with Finnish texts)

http://www.student.oulu.fi/~rmoberg/haihami97.html
http://stekt.oulu.fi/~jt/work.jpg

Rolf Moberg oh6kxl@sral.fi

831. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: slime@radiotelephone.net.ham
Message-ID: <34a6d0d1.921308@news.total.net>
Source record: 2192
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

On 28 Dec 1997 21:20:54 GMT, "DANO" <kimo9@idt.net> wrote:

>anyone had experience with rs mobile 2-meter rig. what did yiu think. can
>it be converted for any goodies? is it worth the money they're asking? any
>suggestions for something in the same price range.
> DANO

I use RS HTX-242. Default: Low 10W, High 45W. RX 137-174, TX
142.5-149.5.

It's working excellent.

I find that this radio is quite tough and this includes the
microphone.

Mr. Slime AKA M@S@
Student @ McGill University Science
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
E-mail : slime@radiotelephone.net.ham
URL : http://www.radiotelephone.net (General)
http://www.radiotelephone.net/amateur/ (Radio)
http://www.geocities.com/~masataka/mcgill.htm (McGill University)

Remove ".ham" to reply.

WARNING: I will not buy/response any products from unsolicited e-mails !!

832. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tim Hynde <hynde@flash.net>
Message-ID: <34A70109.DA2D5249@flash.net>
Source record: 2193
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

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> any
> > suggestions for something in the same price range.
>

Kenwood has a new model in the 50 watt range for $235... So says my friend
who's been shopping for one.

Tim

833. SALE - List

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-28 00:00:00 UTC
From: Charles Francer <francer@gis.net>
Message-ID: <01bd12da$03cd5240$d480dad0@francer.gis.net>
Source record: 2194
Cross-posted to: rec.ham-radio,rec.ham-radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap,rec.radio.shortwave

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Adjustable Voltage Output - In Box and all docs. 22amps
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Quality-SHURE- Prologue Microphone Model 6L-B NEW COND IN BOX WITH. Used
for 2 months
papers. $XX.xx Best Offer + ship
Charles Francer n1rpd
n1rpd@amsat.org

834. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Ted Lee <amway@nospam.rogers.wave.ca>
Message-ID: <687q95$ie0$1@news.bc>
Source record: 2103
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

I think the HTX-212 the 45 watt mobile is junk!!

I spend over 150% of the original cost to repair the radio.

I first spend $400 Cdn to purchase that radio.

Next month it was on sale for $329, I should of waited,

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No problem, I got a brand new radio for replacement.

Again, this radio lasted 6 months.

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The CPU in the PLL went. No fault of my own.

Used it on the base, afraid of getting car broken into. I notice no one could hear me on check ins. Perfect match, lots of power, but no modulation!

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Waited four months. Replace more chips, at my cost, no labour cost since under repair 90 day warranty. Cost me an other $90.

So I had it for 3 weeks now. Tested out fine.

I only used it on voice, no packet.

I listen about 200 minutes for every minute transmitted!!

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Here my brand new HTX-212 spending more time in the shop that actual usage!

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no problems with voltage, or swr. So why did the HTX-212 fail me twice?

Both radios new and only used about 3 months each time.

So next time, buy the extended warranty for Radio Shack radios.

I used my gold Visa but the warranty was only a year.

Ted Lee

VE7LEE

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In the time you spend browsing through five web-sites, one person is unnecessarily killed or maimed by a landmine that's once every 22 minutes. These are mostly civilians, often children, who accidentally step on a landmine after a conflict has ended.

835. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: Jim <jim@gutbang.com>
Message-ID: <34A7E97D.3382@gutbang.com>
Source record: 2104
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

Sorry Ted the htx-212 was a lemon and was discontinued, although
I've never heard of anyone putting this much money into repairs on
one (and I should know, I'm the tech that repairs them here in
Nashville)

the htx-242 is not a lemon and is quite solid. BTW it is not made by
kenwood.

73 de ke4juh

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http://www.gutbang.com/
Gutbang Entertainment
9 Music Square South
Suite 131
Nashville TN 37203
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836. Station Items For Sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A86165.DBC615A9@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2105
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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73
Walt
KC7HEX

837. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-29 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Gregg.E" <Gregg.E@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <687116$1mt@bgtnsc03.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 2195
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio,alt.ham-radio.fm,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

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> suggestions for something in the same price range.
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838. Re: radio shack htx-404

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Michel Morin <morinm@csgoeland.qc.ca>
Message-ID: <4oZp.23$lp1.468772@carnaval.risq.qc.ca>
Source record: 2106
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

All Radio Shack radios were designed not to be modified in any way, you are
out of luck there. They are very good radios by the way, I had an HTX-202
and HTX-242 and loved them. Hope that helps.

73 de VE2CJW.

DANO a �crit dans le message <01bd149d$6214e740$0e1871ce@default>...
>does any one have the mods for this radio???are their any for it
> thanks dano

839. Re: 2 mobile radios = repeater

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: Tim Hynde <hynde@flash.net>
Message-ID: <34A9CA5B.9E005C63@flash.net>
Source record: 2107
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.mods,alt.radio.amateur,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.cb

DANO wrote:

> as stupid as i feel asking this, my curiousity is overwhelming. ive been
> told, by a ham that is helping me out with some theory questions, that a
> repeater system is nothing more than a couple of radios with a few added
> parts in between???
> is it that simple that even a newbie like me could make a repeater
> himself?????
> ps i think he was talking duplex, but im not sure. DANO

Yes Dano it is as simple as a 'couple of radios' but a little deeper by the time you put it all together. First you need to know what a repeater consists of. Basically it's a reciever who's audio is sent directly to a transmitter who's frequency is 600Khz up or down the band. (assuming a 2m repeater) Old Motorola and GE tranceivers used for mobile communications weren't really trancievers but a separate transmitter and reciever in the same box, crystal controlled usually and very modular. Many repeaters were built using just one radio! The TX and RX were removed, retuned to the appropriate ham frequencys and then connected to the appropriate control logic. Some additional circuitry is required to sense when the squelch is broken on the rx, when this happens the switch is closed to key the transmitter, nevermind all the beeps, recordings, timers and digitalker identifiers these are just bells and whistles to make the repeater sound nifty. A simple repeater could be a 1/4 ground plane, duplexer, transmitter, reciever, and some VERY simple control circuit to key the transmitter and provide a timeout in the event of a transmission over 3 min long. This was basically the set up we had at the University, it provided lots of fun and the opportunity to experiment with different receivers etc. The duplexer would not be required if you could separate the transmitter from the receiver, many systems have a receive site (for 2m) the audio would then be sent out on UHF via a small 1 watt transmitter to the transmit site perhaps a mile or so away, at the transmit site there is a UHF receiver that then puts the audio into the 2m transmitter, by using this meathod you can have multiple recieve sites. Hope this gives you an idea of what its all about.

Tim

840. VHF ENG PA-140/10 2 Meter AMP

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95DA1.310C66FB@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2108
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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841. Kenwood PC-1A Phone Patch

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95CED.56F3BB7A@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2109
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

KENWOOD PC-1A Phone Patch Controller with manual and four pin adapter if needed. Good condition, shipped for $60.

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842. Re: Station Items For Sale

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95A93.3833C2BB@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2110
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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843. Kenwood TH-77A 2/440 Dual Band Hand Held

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Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95D62.FA6A8FD9@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2111
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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844. Kenwood TS-520 SE

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95D27.3F499F93@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2112
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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845. ICOM IC-251A 2 All-mode

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95CAF.E8B7FBB@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2113
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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846. KAM PLUS with Software

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-30 00:00:00 UTC
From: "Walter R. Jones, Jr." <wjonesjr@cdsnet.net>
Message-ID: <34A95DD8.73E3973@cdsnet.net>
Source record: 2114
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.swap,rec.ham-radio,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.swap

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847. RS DSP-40 Digital Signal Processor

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Radio Shack DSP-40 Digital Signal Processor, New in Box, Shipped for
$60. One opened, used in excellent condition for $45.

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848. 300 watt Antenna Tuner

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TUCKER T-1000 300 watt Antenna Tuner, (same as Vectronics VC-300DLP),
shipped at $120.

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849. 2 mobile radios = repeater

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as stupid as i feel asking this, my curiousity is overwhelming. ive been told, by a ham that is helping me out with some theory questions, that a repeater system is nothing more than a couple of radios with a few added parts in between???
is it that simple that even a newbie like me could make a repeater himself?????
ps i think he was talking duplex, but im not sure. DANO

850. Re: radio shacks 2-meter rigs

Newsgroup: rec.ham-radio
Date: 1997-12-31 00:00:00 UTC
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Thanks,

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If you do buy Radio Shak, be sure to buy the service contract. I bought an HT 3 years ago, went back for repair six times, then a month before the service contract ran out, they gave me a new rig, but wouldn't let me renew the serv. contract. Also went thru two of their spkr mikes. The real joke is I probably didn't use the stuff more than once a week, at the most. About the same time I had bought one of their 30w amps, it sizzled out two months later, they did fix that for free. Have had real good luck with their DSP. Must admit their service is great!

Beware when you buy! I surely won't waste my time or money on their stuff again!

73 Dwight W9YQ

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